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Grade 2 student Muzn Abu Sin joined classmates at Valley View School on Thursday for a special ceremony to mark Arbor Day. See story, page 14. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

School's dress code deemed homophobic

Receives public funds.
Airdrie site bars earrings,
certain clothing for boys



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Boys enrolled at an Airdrie private school have been told they cannot show up for class wearing "clothing and accessories specifically intended for girls," including earrings.

The dress code and grooming requirements enforced at Footprints for Learning Academy — as well as an alleged anti-gay philosophy — was enough to lead one mother to pull her youngster from the facility last year.

The mother, who spoke to Metro on condition of ano-

nymity, said she was raising her child "gender neutrally," but academy administrators deemed items like sparkly shorts inappropriate and likely to spur bullying.

"We pointed out that in our kiddo's life they were the first bully we've ever encountered and that behaviour and beliefs as limiting as the ones they are propagating are what create bullies in the first place," the mother said.

She did initially acquiesce to the school's wishes. However, a few months later, she said school staff prevented him from sharing a book called "My Princess Boy" with his peers.

The mother said the final straw was when an administrator told her, "You can't spread your gay agenda here."

A dress code the mother says was published in advance

of the current school year clearly states items like earrings, dresses, jumpers and other accessories deemed feminine are not acceptable for boys. Violations can ultimately result in suspension.

Alberta Liberal education critic Kent Hehr was quick to point out that even schools like Footprints get public funding. It received \$1 million for the 2013-14 school year.

Hehr noted freedom of expression through clothing choice is not a crime.

"Once you take public money, you have to follow the law of the land and develop policies accordingly," Hehr said. "It doesn't appear to me that this school has in this case."

Repeated requests for interviews with Footprints were not granted.

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Former CBE exec 'cosy' with pricey communications firm

Naomi Johnson.

The former chief superintendent routinely met with the high-stakes company



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Calgary's former top public-school executive routinely scheduled meetings with a third-party "high-stakes communications firm" that cost the cash-strapped organization at least \$200,000 despite employing a communications staff of nearly two dozen.

The revelations about the Calgary Board of Education's relationship with Navigator Ltd. come after Metro obtained a copy of former CBE chief superintendent Naomi Johnson's electronic calendar through a freedom of information request.

It details a series of "weekly calls" with Navigator and in-person meetings with its managing principal Randy Dawson, a former provincial Tory campaign strategist.

The relationship began in August 2012 and CBE administration doled out a monthly \$10,000 retainer for the service. Ties were severed with Navigator in March of this year, the CBE said Thursday.

Other emails obtained in the Metro request regarding Navigator's activities with the CBE show the firm drafted a statement in October 2012 regarding the theft of an employee's laptop containing students' personal information and also reviewed

material last September concerning contentious report-card changes.

But the CBE maintained in a written statement Thursday that "Navigator was brought in by third-party legal counsel to support and complement legal advice," and provided "high-level, strategic crisis communications and government relations advice." As a result, the organization claimed "solicitor-client privilege" leading them to redact

Quoted

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large swaths of specifics in emails on Navigator's dealings with Johnson and other members of the organization.

George Cuff, an Alberta-based governance consultant, said it appears the CBE wanted to "put up a blanket" between its communication exploits — and related spending — and the general public.

"To me, it's a question of accountability," he said. "I don't know the picture as to why the firm would be obtained by the law firm to do the work. That strikes me as awfully ... cosy."

Navigator bills itself as a "high-stakes communica-

tions firm" on its website but there's no clear indication that its members are lawyers or that it provides legal services.

The provincial Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner specifies that solicitor-client privilege rules apply only when three conditions — there is communication between a lawyer and the lawyer's client, the communication entails the giving or seeking of legal advice and the communication was intended to be confidential — are all met.

But Cuff questioned how changes to report cards could fall into any of those categories.

"That doesn't strike me as something so sensitive that you would need some form of legal covering over (it)," he said.

The CBE employed 23 staff in its communications department in 2013-14 at a cost of nearly \$2.8 million.



Naomi Johnson, the former chief superintendent of the Calgary Board of Education, routinely met with or spoke over the phone to representatives with third-party communications firm Navigator Ltd., according to a copy of her electronic calendar, obtained by Metro. METRO FILE

Public dollars

Trustee chair deems Navigator use 'not OK'

Public dollars should have never been spent on the services of a third-party communications firm and could have been better used to aid classrooms, says Calgary's top public-school trustee.

On Thursday, Calgary

Board of Education chair Sheila Taylor reviewed materials concerning her organization's use of Navigator Ltd. that were obtained through Metro's freedom of information requests.

"This firm, I've learned, was absolutely used for straight-up communications advice at the same time as we have a really big communications department," Taylor said in an interview.

"It's not OK that money was spent and I'm happy

we've cancelled the use of this so we can spend our money where it needs to be going — towards classrooms." **JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO**



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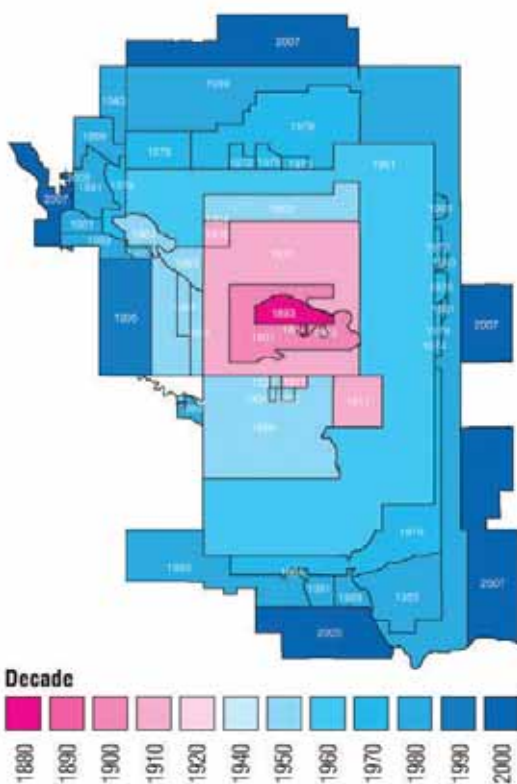


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Incremental annexation in Calgary



For decades, annexing land and building suburbs formed the basis of the plan for city growth, according to a research paper published by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy. CONTRIBUTED

Calgary takes shaky steps down new path, Edmonton stays the course: Report

Growth plans. Cities at a 'crossroads' that Vancouver and Toronto faced decades ago



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As Alberta's two largest cities breach the million-resident mark, Calgary is taking a tentative first step toward metropolises like Toronto and Vancouver while Edmonton's approach to growth remains fundamentally unchanged since the 1950s, according to a new research paper.

The shift in Calgary's approach mirrors changes that took place in Vancouver in the late 1960s and in Toronto in the 1980s, according to the

report, Alberta Cities at the Crossroads, published Thursday by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy.

Author Zack Taylor describes Calgary's new regime as one of "sustainability-oriented intensification" that puts an emphasis on infill development, mass transit and higher-density housing.

That's a departure from the "efficiency-oriented expansion regime" of decades past, in which the city annexed land and encouraged developers to build single-family homes in suburban communities.

"This has been an incredibly efficient way of accommodating population growth for decades," Taylor said in an interview, adding that the approach begins to lose its effectiveness as cities grow past a certain size and start experiencing congestion problems and

Calgary's new approach

"It remains to be seen whether the attempt to establish a new policy regime will become entrenched or, due to resistance from influential actors, collapse." Report author Zack Taylor

mounting infrastructure costs.

Calgary has only very recently moved in a new direction, Taylor writes, as "city council has embraced intensification ... over the objections of developers and rural municipalities."

But, he added, the status quo is "deeply entrenched," as suburban developers remain resistant to changing their already profitable business models and surrounding municipalities see little incentive to co-operate with the city's growth plans.

While Vancouver achieved

inter-municipal cooperation through decades of negotiation and Toronto through the strong arm of the provincial government, Taylor said Calgary has relied largely on using its bulk ownership of water licences as a bargaining chip in dealing with its neighbours.

"Indeed, it appears Calgary's control over the water supply is the only glue holding the (Calgary Regional) Partnership together," he writes.

A third factor, Taylor added, is "inconsistent political support" from city council itself.



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Home invasion investigation. Raids lead to seizure of drugs, guns

An investigation into a targeted home invasion led Calgary police to lay numerous drug and weapons charges against seven people.

On April 30, police were called to a reported home invasion in the southwest community of Shawnessy. Following this, the police guns and gangs unit investigated and it led to a traffic stop in Copperfield in the early morning hours of May 1. There they seized a loaded Ruger handgun and cash.

Police then executed five search warrants in the southwest community of Bridlewood and seized a loaded Glock handgun, body armour, cash, and 2.6 kilograms of marijuana, as well as other drugs. The street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$30,000.

The people involved in the



Drugs seized by police.

KEN VAN DE WALLE/FOR METRO

home invasion used a firearm and pepper spray, police said. The victim, a lone woman, was treated for minor injuries and has since been released. Police are investigating the relationship between the home invasion and the drug busts.

"That's one of the pieces we are trying to put together," said Sgt. Jason Walker of the guns and gangs unit.

KEN VAN DE WALLE/FOR METRO

Legislature. Drama-filled session wraps up with little to show

One of the most dramatic sessions in the history of the Alberta legislature is wrapping up.

Politicians have one final day of questions before returning to their constituencies for the summer.

It will be remembered as a session that saw the governing Tories start with one premier and end with another, with a new face coming in the fall.

Alison Redford resigned from the top job in March ahead of a caucus revolt over opulent spending on

herself and her inner circle.

Dave Hancock took over as premier and began mending fences by apologizing to his party, striking a new contract deal with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees and pulling back on controversial pension reforms.

But opposition politicians note the legislature only sat for seven weeks of debate, and passed little substantive legislation beyond the budget and new rules to protect children in care.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Heritage Station LRT will be closed on Saturday, in part because of construction work being done on a pedestrian bridge deck. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

London bridge is falling into place

Connectivity. Rail overpass to serve southwest condo tenants



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Walking at a brisk pace, southwest condo dwellers should be able to make the door-to-door trek to Heritage Station in less than five minutes.

LRT access was a huge selling point for Shannon Lu and hundreds of her neighbours living in the London-themed condo highrises that back on to Horton Road.

But rail lines have forever blocked east-side approach to the CTrain platform, forcing Lu — and many other daily transit users — to take a much-longer buttonhook route to the LRT.

"It's totally painful," said Lu, adding miserable winter walks exacerbate the route's industrial ambience and the motorists that go whooshing by.

Construction on a pedestrian bridge started in June 2013 and is scheduled to wrap up this summer. On Saturday, construction crews are scheduled to erect the west span of the bridge in what marks a visible milestone for the much-anticipated connector.

Area Coun. Brian Pincott acknowledged the bridge should've been put up before move-ins started more than six years ago. However, Pincott noted policy makers are learning as the city becomes more geared toward cycling, transit

The suite life

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The number of suites within the four tower London at Heritage development, with retail shops below.

and walkability.

"We know now to do it differently," Pincott said. "Financing always comes into it, but we do know that you have to get the pedestrian infrastructure in at the front end."

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'People tried to stop it.' Woman killed by bear at oilsands site near Fort McMurray wasn't alone

A union official says a woman killed by a bear at one of Canada's major oilsands sites was with several workers who tried to scare the animal away.

The 36-year-old Suncor employee was an instrument technician, who was doing electrical work at a job site near Fort McMurray, Alta., when the bear attacked her Wednesday.

"It was ... seven people that were working in a group area and she was attacked by this bear out of that group and dragged off," Scott Doherty, a spokesman

Quoted

"It was ... seven people that were working in a group area and she was attacked by this bear and dragged off."

Scott Doherty, a spokesman for Unifor.

for Unifor, told The Canadian Press on Thursday.

"People tried to stop it and do everything they could. Obviously they are fairly horrified at what they saw and witnessed."

Doherty said the union does not believe the workers were carrying bear spray. He said they remained in the area until police and wildlife officers arrived.

Another union official said the woman's co-workers blasted air horns to scare the bear away, but to no effect.

RCMP killed an adult black bear in the area and tests were being done to determine whether it is the same animal that mauled the woman.

Alberta occupational health and safety said companies that operate in the region have protocols to try to prevent such attacks.

Doherty said there needs to be a full review of what happened. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

KINDNESS TO A KITTEN COMES AT A COST



IN DEFENCE OF
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I never thought I'd be a cat person. Actually, even now that I have one, I'm still not sure that I'm a cat person. I think I'm a Mindy-person. Mindy being the name of our cat, of course.

About a month ago, my boyfriend and I decided to get our first cat together. Earlier in the year, we said goodbye to his cat, Casey, and after a lot of talking we decided our home was ready for a new cat. Actually, I was less sure. Well, I wasn't unsure, I was sure that I liked not having a cat begging me for food at 6 a.m.

So while I was touting the wonderful world of not being awoken by an animal, one of my boyfriend's friends slyly said to him, "The best way to remember your late cat is to adopt a new one that needs

Tough decision

If you're looking to adopt an animal, I can tell you that it's not as easy as you think it might be. And maybe that's a good thing. Tough decisions are usually the best ones.

a home just as bad." Well played, Cat Lady.

So one Sunday a few weeks ago, we drove out to the Calgary Humane Society — "just to look," which meant we were coming home with a new cat.

Our decision to adopt Mindy, then called Amber, was pretty easy, mostly because it was too hard to look at all these animals and only pick one. We spent some time with Marnie, and I loved her, only because I thought others would have a hard time loving such a shy kitty. We decided to check out some other cats, and that's when the friendly and cuddly Mindy fell into

our arms. I was devastated. We chose the friendly cat that most people would choose and were leaving Marnie to spend an indefinite amount of time in a box she called home.

Even as we were signing the papers, I was crying. During what was supposed to be a joyous moment, I couldn't help but feel bad for all the cats we didn't choose. Was our decision to adopt Mindy sentencing another cat to death?

The adoption specialist could tell that I was quite upset. She said they would definitely find a home for Marnie and that if we weren't looking for a shy cat, then we shouldn't get a shy cat. She

also said due to a new initiative, they haven't euthanized a cat because of a lack of space since 2011. The Calgary Humane Society ensures that more than 2,000 cats a year find a great home, including Marnie. (Who found a home a week later. Yes, I followed up.)

With warmer days (sorta) here, kitten season is right around the corner, making the message to spay and neuter your animals more important than ever. Philip Fulton of the Calgary Humane Society told me, "Giving birth to a litter of kittens is very hard on a cat's body. Some people are very cavalier about that."

I think people are cavalier about a lot of things when it comes to animal adoption. I know I was. If you're looking to adopt an animal, I can tell you that it's not as easy as you think it might be. And maybe that's a good thing. Tough decisions are usually the best ones. Even if they do wake you up at 6 a.m.

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Redford replacement. Finance minister says no to PC leadership bid

Alberta Finance Minister Doug Horner says he won't seek the leadership of the governing Progressive Conservatives.

Horner was one of a handful of cabinet ministers considering a run at the top job. But in a statement, he says he's decided not to step forward after weighing his options with his family.

There are two candidates officially in the race — former Infrastructure minister Ric McIver and former Municipal

In with the new

Tories will vote in September to replace Alison Redford, who resigned last month amid a caucus revolt.

Affairs minister Ken Hughes. Former federal MP Jim Prentice has a campaign team in place and is raising money but has yet to officially announce a run. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The Orbiter

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Calgarians said goodbye on Thursday to the Orbiter replica space shuttle as it journeys to the Coca-Cola Science Center in Columbus State University in Georgia.

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Cycling co-ordinator: Strava is 'cool,' but very limited

GPS ride tracking.

The activity-tracking app shares some of its data online, offers more for purchase



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Digital reams of bike-riding data from a popular mobile app offer some insights for Calgary's cycling co-ordinator, but he says the city has no plans to buy more in-depth information from the company, as public officials in Portland recently did.

"It's a pretty cool tool," Tom Thivener said of the data recently posted online by Strava, an activity-tracking app. "We can see where a lot of cyclists' trips in Calgary are happening."

Last fall, according to Bike Portland, the Oregon Department of Transportation spent \$20,000 on one year's worth

Quoted

"You can really zoom in to a fine level on this data to actually see what side of the road ... cyclists are congregating on."

Calgary cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener

of more in-depth data from Strava, to help it evaluate and plan cycling policies in the region.

While the app has grown rapidly in popularity, Thivener said the data the company has aggregated from users still offers a "pretty limited" view of overall cycling.

"A small portion of Calgary's cyclists have these devices," he said. "Those types of cyclists are the kinds that can afford it and are typically doing long, recreation rides."

One thing Thivener noted from Strava's Calgary data is the glaring lack of activity in



This screenshot of Strava's "heat map" of Calgary cycling shows where cyclists who use the app like to ride. **SCREENSHOT**

one quadrant, in particular.

"In the northeast, people are finding it hard to cycle," he said.

That's an issue Coun. Ray Jones has repeatedly raised during the city's recent cycle-track debate.

Jones voted against the downtown cycle lanes, saying the money would be better spent on making it easier for would-be riders in the northeast to get past cycling barriers like Barlow Trail, Deerfoot Trail, and Memorial Drive.

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PC leadership race

Candidates rub elbows at dinner

There was plenty of politicking but very little of it came from the podium as Alberta Progressive Conservatives gathered for their annual leader's dinner in Calgary on Thursday night.

Leadership candidates, declared and undeclared, used the gathering of 1,800 party supporters to press the flesh and drum up support.

"I'm trying to move

through to sort of shake some hands here," said Jim Prentice, the former federal cabinet minister who is expected to announce his bid soon.

"Stay tuned, but it's going to be an exciting time," Prentice said. "We're talking shortly. And when I start, you'll know it."

Finance Minister Doug Horner, who was one of a handful of cabinet ministers considering a run, said he has decided against it after "a lot of discussion with my wife and family and recognizing there's

a candidate I think will emerge and will be good for the party." Horner is widely expected to endorse Prentice.

In his speech, Hancock repeated a previous apology to Albertans, acknowledging the caucus has been talking too much and listening too little.

"Our promise to you is that we'll work hard than ever to earn back Albertans' trust so we can go on fulfilling our mandate," said Hancock.

There are two candidates officially in the race: former infrastructure minister Ric

McIver and former municipal affairs minister Ken Hughes.

Alberta Jobs Minister Thomas Lukaszuk said he will make his intentions known early next week.

"I'm giving it very serious consideration," said Lukaszuk, the only potential candidate from outside Calgary. "I'm not rushing into it. There's no extra points for coming in fast."

Another potential candidate, Justice Minister Jonathan Denis, said he won't let his intentions be known until Monday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Elite-level paddler Jessica Groeneveld stares out at a waterless Western Irrigation Canal late last month. She and other whitewater enthusiasts are calling for a more steady stream to run through the area so they can train more consistently. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Kayakers call filling canal for practice a 'no-brainer'

Western Irrigation Canal. But province disagrees, saying that was never the deal



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Whitewater athletes are seeking a helping paddle — er, hand — from the province with establishing a more permanent training site in Calgary and believe they've found the "perfect place."

That is, if the Western Irrigation Canal actually had water in it more than half the time.

The winding southeast waterway, which borders the headquarters of the Bow Waters Canoe Club and Waterworks Kayak Club, remains bare when area farmers aren't in need of a major hydration reserve.

But athletes like Pan-American Games champion and 2016 Olympic hopeful Jessica Groeneveld believe the oft-mud pit could aid with her training and that of first-time paddlers seeking to test

their skills on calmer waters than the nearby Bow River.

"The potential here is awesome and it's kind of just being wasted," she said.

High-performance coach Michael Holroyd was quick to point out concerns with the currently closed Harvie Passage on the Bow and the dangers it posed to less-seasoned paddlers. He said, in contrast, his own preschooler has hopped in a boat and tested his skills in the canal.

"Our selling feature here is we have a safe place to teach people to kayak and canoe," he said. "If we had this guaranteed then we'd be able to increase the number of kids we put through.... It really is a no-brainer."

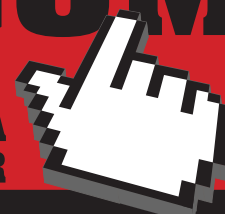
But an emailed statement from Alberta Environment said the canal has supplied water to farmers for more than 100 years, noting the whitewater clubs were established long after.

The statement added: "The understanding was always that the canal may not be suitable for the purpose of the Bow Waters Canoe Club during days — weeks — of the year due to low or no canal flows."



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Urban forestry deep-rooted in the history of Calgary

Arbor Day festivities.

Landscapers to dig into the city's three-month planting operations next week



BRYAN WEISMILLER

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When Calgary became a town in the late 1800s, it was dusty, barren and nearly treeless.

Despite the natural obstacles, historian John Gilpin says pioneers such as William Pearce envisioned a city of lush trees. And there was a pragmatic reason for transforming this prairie plot into a wooded paradise, too.

"There was a notion that the prairies needed to be clothed in trees to make them



Landscapers sink a tree as part of an Arbor Day ceremony hosted by Valley View School. The yearly campaign aims to create awareness around the importance of trees. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**

Then and now

- William Pearce is credited with establishing one of Western Canada's first tree nurseries in the southeast community of Inglewood.
- There are now more than 445,000 trees in groomed parks and boulevards, 40 per cent of which are street trees, according to the City of Calgary.

attractive to settlers and make communities generally more aesthetically appealing," Gilpin said Thursday as the city celebrated Arbor Day.

Nowadays city landscapers sink roughly 5,000 trees into the ground annually to sustain Calgary's urban forest. Last year, the failure rate for new trees was 14 per cent, which was billed as a success given

the city's notoriously fickle climate.

Jill-Anne Spence, the city's urban forestry lead, cautioned against making apple-tree-to-apple-tree comparisons.

But Spence noted it's a useful way to track the growth of the city's urban forest, and the numbers are comparable to other big cities, according to figures recorded over the past

three years under the city's advanced tracking system.

"We're pretty consistent," Spence said.

Spence credited best practices such as digging oversized holes, planting locally sourced trees and watering vigorously for combating some of the climate challenges.

Although, it's not that simple.

"There's never one thing that impacts a tree and why it fails," Spence said.

Landscapers will dig into the city's three-month planting operations next week.

"Tree planting is very boom-bust here; it's very challenging," Spence said.

"We plant quite a few trees in a relatively quick amount of time."

Tips from the experts

Whether you're a green-thumbed grower or green to arboriculture, experts say there are tricks to the tree-planting trade. Here are five tips from interviews with Tree Canada president Michael Rosen and Jill-Anne Spence with the City of Calgary.

1 Native trees: Local nurseries stock trees that are better acclimatized to the conditions. The city currently plants elm, green ash, Mayday, spruce and oak trees, among others.

2 Look for hazards: Pay close attention to overhead wires, buildings and sewer lines when positioning the tree hole.

3 Soil matters: Keep plenty of the existing backfill to mix with fresh dirt. "Think of (trees) as teenagers — if you make things too comfortable, they're not going to leave," Spence says.

4 Planting depth: Aim to plant the tree at the same depth it came out of the nursery. Going too deep will suffocate the roots, whereas going too shallow will negatively expose them to the air.

5 Dry advice: "If there's one thing Calgarians need to know it's the word 'water' because this is part of a prairie," Rosen said. Apply one inch of water throughout the root system in the absence of rain.

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Tim's says Doug, not mayor, spotted at Toronto location



Toronto Coun. Doug Ford during a Toronto City Council meeting at city hall last November. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rob in rehab? Coffee chain 'confirmed' Doug Ford was at restaurant on Tuesday, but refuses to release images

Tim Hortons has "confirmed" it was Doug Ford — not the mayor — who visited a franchise location in the Junction on Tuesday morning, a spokesperson said on Thursday.

Michelle Robichaud, manager of public relations for the coffee chain, said employees at the west-end Tim Hortons reviewed video from security cameras and concluded it was Councillor Ford who attended the restaurant while Mayor Rob Ford is reportedly in rehab.

Tim Hortons is refusing to release images from its cameras to prove Rob Ford wasn't there.

"It is, for sure, Doug," said Robichaud. "That's all I want to say right now — that it was reviewed internally, and we can confirm it's Doug."

Rob Ford announced he was going to rehab last week to deal with an "alcohol problem," and has reportedly made calls to a Toronto Sun columnist from a treatment facility.

Sixteen-year-old Cayla Clarkson, however, claims she saw the mayor outside the Tim Hortons near Dundas St. W. and Clendenan Ave. Tuesday around 9 a.m.

A Tim Hortons employee who would not share her name also told the Star the mayor came into the restaurant that morning and ordered coffee and a sandwich.

In the days since the mayor took a leave of absence and said he was going to rehab, there have been several supposed Ford sightings in disparate locations, including Hamilton, Richmond Hill and the Home-wood Health Centre in Guelph.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, Doug Ford said his brother is "nowhere near the GTA." His exact location has not been disclosed.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Surveillance in Canada. Book says digital age poses risks to privacy

A new book on surveillance in Canada says personal information is flowing between the public and private sectors in unprecedented ways, posing fresh risks to privacy.

The book, *Transparent Lives: Surveillance in Canada*, says data gathered for one purpose may easily be used for another when public and private organizations share data, flying in the face of fair information practices.

The book is a collaborative effort by leading Canadian researchers who identify nine

key trends.

The authors conclude surveillance of all kinds is expanding rapidly due to society's newly digital existence at work, rest and play.

Prof. David Lyon of the Surveillance Studies Centre at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., cautions that there is no grand conspiracy.

But he says many of the major trends in surveillance are going unnoticed because they bubble beneath the surface of mundane transactions.

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Endangered species

Whale carcass makes its way to Toronto museum

Researchers began carving up the decaying remains of a rare blue whale on Thursday as they prepare to ship the animal's massive skeleton

from Newfoundland to a museum in Toronto.

The team started stripping blubber off the adult female that died with eight other blue whales in unusually thick ice off the province's west coast. The team will take apart the skeleton and load it into a container to be transported to the museum.

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Military was warned ahead of deadly Boko Haram attack: Locals

At least 50 killed.
Villagers criticize failure of security forces

Residents of a Nigerian town attacked by Boko Haram criticized security forces for failing to protect them despite warnings that the Islamic militants were nearby. At least 50 bodies have been recovered, many horribly burned, in the town.

The attack on Gamboru, in remote northeastern Nigeria near the border with Cameroon, is part of the Islamic militants' campaign of terror that included the kidnapping of teenaged girls from a school, 276 of whom remain missing and believed held by Boko Haram.

The death toll from the Monday afternoon attack in Gamboru was initially reported by a senator to be as many as 300, but a security official said



South Africans protest against the abduction three weeks ago of hundreds of schoolgirls in Nigeria by Muslim extremist group Boko Haram and what protesters said was the failure of the Nigerian government to rescue them, during a march to the Nigerian Consulate in Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

it is more likely to be around 100. Some Gamboru residents said bodies were recovered from the debris of burned shops around the town's main

market, which was the focus of the attack.

The bodies were found after the market reopened on Wednesday as health workers, vol-

unteers and traders searched for missing people, said Gamboru resident Abuwar Masta.

Masta and other traders said that some villagers had

warned the security forces of an impending attack after insurgents were seen camping in the bush near Gamboru.

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Missing girls

Equipment deal still in the works

Canada and Nigeria are still negotiating whether the African country will be getting Canadian military surveillance equipment to help in its search for nearly 300 kidnapped teenage girls.

The Harper government has offered to provide surveillance equipment, plus the military personnel to operate it, in an effort to help find the hundreds of teenaged girls abducted by the Boko Haram Islamic militant group last month.

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Prison battles ruling on sex change for convict

Taxpayer-funded surgery ordered.

Michelle Kosilek, formerly Robert, convicted of murdering wife in 1990

Massachusetts prison officials on Thursday made another push to overturn a court ruling that would force them to provide a taxpayer-funded sex-change operation to a murder convict with gender-identity disorder.

The inmate has been given a substantial amount of care, including female hormones, laser hair removal and psychotherapy, and doesn't need the surgery, the Department of Corrections attorney Richard McFarland told the 1st U.S.



Michelle Kosilek, who lives as a woman, wants a sex change.

LISA BUL/The Associated Press File



Robert Kosilek, as Michelle was then known, is seen in 1990. NEW

ROCHELLE POLICE/The Associated Press

Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

"The clinician didn't say you must have this surgery, but that if you want it, you can get it," McFarland said Thursday. Only five per cent of people diagnosed with

the disorder actually undergo sex-assignment surgery, he added.

Michelle Kosilek, born Robert Kosilek, has been in a heated legal battle to get the surgery, which she says is required to relieve the

emotional stress caused by the disorder. Kosilek is currently serving a life sentence for killing spouse Cheryl Kosilek in 1990.

In 2012, a federal judge ruled that the department must give Kosilek the surgery.

In January, that decision was reaffirmed by a three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said it is a constitutional right to receive medically necessary treatment "even if that treatment strikes some as odd or unorthodox."

The prisons department appealed and won a rehearing before the full appeals court. It could take months to issue a decision.

If it loses its appeals, Massachusetts would be the first state to fund sex-reassignment surgery for an inmate.

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'Hate' in the classroom. School board denounces Holocaust assignment

The school board of a Southern California district where students were told to write an essay on whether they believe the Holocaust really happened said at a packed public meeting Wednesday night that it was a "horribly inappropriate" assignment for which the board takes "full responsibility."

Rialto Unified School Board president Joanne Gilbert read the remarks after a closed session that followed a heated public meeting where Jewish groups, tolerance organizations and community leaders denounced the assignment.

The initial assignment given to eighth-graders was to do some research and write an essay explaining whether they believed the Holocaust was a real historical event or a political scheme to influence public emotion and gain. It was developed in December by a group of language arts teachers planning a unit on *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Quoted

"I don't understand why a fact of history would be a matter for debate."

Rabbi Suzanne Singer
Temple Beth El in Riverside, Calif.

The district had already withdrawn the assignment and called it an error.

But the school board went much further in its denunciation Wednesday night, and promised broader action to prevent similar incidents, including sensitivity training for eighth-graders at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

State Senator Norma Torres, who represents the area and was one of several political officials in attendance, urged the board to make a strong statement.

"Hate has no place in Rialto," Torres said. "Hate has no place in our classrooms."

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Pro-Russian rebels vow referendum will go ahead – despite wishes of Putin

Eastern Ukraine.

Insurgents defy call by Russian president to put off Sunday's vote on secession

In an obscure government office guarded by a man in a red T-shirt armed only with a stick, two photocopy machines churned out ballots Thursday for eastern Ukraine's referendum on secession.

In apparent defiance of a call by Russian President Vladimir Putin to put off the vote, insurgents in eastern Ukraine insisted Thursday they will go ahead with this Sunday's referendum.

"Putin is seeking a way out of the situation. We are grateful to him for this," said Denis Pushilin, co-chairman of the Donetsk People's Republic, as the pro-Russian rebels call themselves.

"But we are just a bullhorn



Denis Pushilin, centre, of the elections commission of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, speaks Thursday.
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for the people," he declared. "We just voice what the people want."

Ukraine has in recent weeks grown perilously polarized, with the west

looking toward Europe and the east favouring closer ties with Russia. Thursday's pronouncement was likely to further inflame tensions between the interim govern-

ment in Kyiv that took power in February, and the armed insurgents, who have seized government buildings in more than a dozen cities in the east. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Analysis

Ukrainians want to stay united: Poll

A strong majority of Ukrainians want their country to remain a single, unified state and this is true even in the largely Russian-speaking east where a pro-Russia insurgency has been fighting for autonomy, a poll released Thursday shows.

The survey results were released just hours before the pro-Russia forces in eastern Ukraine said they would go ahead with a referendum on autonomy planned for Sunday.

The poll, by the Pew Research Center in Washington, found that 77 per cent of people nationwide want

Ukraine to maintain its current borders, and even in the east the figure is 70 per cent. Only among Russian speakers does the percentage drop significantly, but it is still over half at 58 per cent.

Meanwhile, Canada's foreign affairs minister expressed skepticism Thursday about Russian President Vladimir Putin's pledge to pull his country's troops from Ukraine's border.

"We would obviously want to verify any commitment made by the leadership of the Russian Federation," John Baird said.

"Their actions in Ukraine over the past six months have been deplorable."

Baird's response echoed the view in Washington and at NATO.

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Owner of S. Korean ferry detained



A woman weeps at a tribute to ferry victims in Seoul.

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South Korean prosecutors on Thursday detained the head of the company that owns the ferry that sank last month over an allegation of cargo overloading.

Authorities believe improper stowage and overloading of cargo are one possible reason the ferry sank on April 16, leaving more than 300 people dead or missing. Four employees at the ferry's owner Chong-

haejin Marine Co. Ltd, who handled cargo on the Sewol, have already been arrested.

Kim Han-sik, president of Chonghaejin, was detained Thursday ahead of his possible formal arrest on allegations that he was aware that the ferry exceeded its cargo limit, but didn't do anything before it started its trip, according to senior prosecutor Yang

Jung-jin.

"I feel very sorry for the victims ... their family members. I committed a grave sin," Kim, wearing a cap and a mask, told reporters at a detention facility in the southern port city of Mokpo, according to South Korean TV footage. He declined to comment on questions over alleged cargo overloading.

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A protester in a Guy Fawkes mask stands surrounded by a cloud of tear gas during student protests.

Chileans education

Students on the street. Tens of thousands demonstrate, demand changes promised by president's campaign

100,000 but police said it was closer to 40,000 people.

Bachelet was inaugurated for a new presidential term two months ago. She has vowed an education overhaul funded by a corporate tax hike in response to the millions of people who have taken part in protests since 2011 demanding deep changes to a system suffering from poor quality public schools, unprepared teachers and expensive private universities.

Students say the government is finally on the right course after years of staging massive marches demanding free, quality education. But they say it's still not enough and they want to be part of the reform.

"I think these projects are aimed in the right direction, but it's unfortunate that there is no process of participation and debate," said Naschla Aburman, a student leader at Universidad Catolica.

Tens of thousands of students protested in Chile on Thursday in the first march demanding education reform since President Michelle Bachelet took power on promises of deep changes.

The students marched through the streets of downtown Santiago heading to La Moneda presidential palace in a mostly peaceful protest that was marred at the end by hooded vandals who infiltrated the demonstrations to clash with police throwing rocks and petrol bombs. About 1,800 police officers guarded the march to avoid more violence. Student leaders estimated the crowd at

Quoted

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Naschla Aburman, student leader at Universidad Catolica



at protests in Santiago, Chile, Thursday. LUIS HIDALGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

march for reforms



A Chilean riot police officer trips and falls down, as he and his fellow officers run away from flames from a petrol bomb thrown by protesters in violent clashes during a student march in Santiago on Thursday. LUIS HIDALGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The student protests began under the 2006-10 presidency of Bachelet, who appealed some students by naming a commission including several of their leaders, and shuffling her cabinet. But many others were left disappointed.

"What we've done so far is injecting more money to this same system that segregates," said Melissa Sepulveda, a student leader at Universidad de Chile. "This system generates one type of education for the rich, and another for the poor."

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Back in office

Chilean President Michelle Bachelet was sworn back into office two months ago after a four-year break.

- Bachelet is a moderate socialist who became Chile's first female president in 2006.
- The Chilean Constitution does not allow a president to serve two consecutive terms.

Syria

Rebels blow up historic hotel

With a gigantic explosion, Syrian rebels on Thursday levelled a historic hotel being used as an army base in the northern city of Aleppo by detonating bomb-packed tunnels beneath it, activists and militants said.

The blast near Aleppo's medieval citadel, an imposing city landmark that

was once swarming with tourists, killed an unknown number of soldiers. It turned the Carlton Hotel, known for its elegant architecture and proximity to the citadel, into a pile of rubble.

The attack was a powerful statement that the rebels could still deal heavy blows elsewhere in Syria even as they withdrew from Homs, surrendering that city to President Bashar Assad's forces.

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Suspected militants killed

Yemeni forces clear al-Qaida fighters from south

Yemeni armed forces on Thursday swept al-Qaida fighters out of a district in the country's south, one of the main goals of the major offensive waged by the military the past two weeks, the Defence Ministry said, amid fears of retaliatory attacks

which officials say prompted the closure of the U.S. embassy as a precaution.

The ministry said that dozens of suspected militants have been killed and captured in the past week as troops and allied tribal fighters seized a string of al-Qaida-held areas. In the operation in Mahfad, Yemeni forces were reportedly backed by U.S. drone strikes targeting an al-Qaida base hidden in the remote mountains. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Is the real cost of fracking

Metro wraps up its look at the controversial practice. Alberta couple blames nearby operations for hair loss, nosebleeds



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Metro in Vancouver

Nielle Hawkwood began noticing that her hair was falling out about four years ago. She also began experiencing skin irritation — as did her husband, Howard — as well as nosebleeds.

Two years ago, she was diagnosed with alopecia, which causes significant hair loss.

"The dermatologist said something has affected my immune system," said Nielle, during a visit in April to the couple's 456-hectare cattle ranch nestled amongst the rolling brown hills north of Calgary. They have been there for 34 years and it's been in Howard's family since 1972.

Both Nielle and Howard believe their recent health problems are the result of an increase in fracking wells being drilled in the area — 110 in the past four years and another 39 projected for this year. The closest is four kilometres from their ranch.

They assert that the hair loss, skin irritation and nosebleeds did not exist before the rise of fracking in

the area.

For its part, Lochend Industry Producers Group (LIPG), which consists of four different oil and gas companies active in the area, says there has been no water contamination and that the risk of water or air contamination to people living within 10 kilometres from a fracking well is "exceedingly" small.

The companies set surface casings — a concrete and steel barrier that line the well to prevent fracking fluid from entering the ground water — to 600 metres, double the required regulatory depths in the Lochend area.

As well, the group says, the productive fracking zone is approximately 2,200 metres below the ground, far below a typical water well that sits at around 45 metres deep.

But the health issues raised by the Hawkwoods could prove a cautionary tale for residents and industry in Northeast B.C., where a massive expansion of shale gas fracking is underway.

"I think those are fair and legitimate questions that the public are asking," said Geoff Morrison, the manager of B.C. operations for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, about health and environmental concerns.

"We're trying to do an improved job of reassuring the public about our practices so they can come to reasonable conclusions about safety."

"Social licences have two components: One is doing the right thing and being regu-



Howard and Nielle Hawkwood MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

lated in the proper way, and the other is communications. For us, in B.C. ... we've been well-regulated and are doing the right thing."

A recent study by the Council of Canadian Academies found human health and well-being may be affected by the various environmental effects resulting from shale gas development.

"Health impacts are not well understood and additional research is required," the report concluded.

Metro requested an interview with Alberta's Ministry of Health about any health complaints near the Hawkwoods' ranch and related to fracking, but a spokesperson was not made available.

The Hawkwoods, however, aren't only worried about their own health.

Last spring and summer, the Hawkwoods say 18 of their cows died, while seven others appeared thin and unhealthy, and did not calve.

A necropsy of one female bovine conducted last April — the document of the testing was viewed by two Metro reporters — noted the cause of death was undetermined, but the Hawkwoods believe water contamination was the

cause and fracking the culprit.

The sudden deaths of some of the Hawkwood's cows not only has a financial impact — each cow is worth about \$1,800 — but also to the reputation of his ranch.

LIPG points out that it receives very few concerns and most of those are focused on increased traffic, dust and noise associated with increased activity. They say member companies take complaints very seriously and the majority of concerns are answered to the complainant's satisfaction.

"There has been a very small group of residents who individually and collectively have expressed their opposition to resource development and we continue to work with them to address their concerns," said LIPG in an email.

However, with their growing concern over health and environmental effects, the Hawkwoods have contemplated moving away from their ranch, which has been in their family for five decades.

"I'm a little bit upset about it. So where do I go? I love living in the area."



Howard Hawkwood has experienced skin irritation, which he believes was caused by fracking activity near his ranch. A study by the Council of Canadian Academies found "additional research is required" on health impacts of fracking. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Call for a moratorium

The Hawkwoods are among a group of Alberta residents who have issued an open letter to Premier Dave Hancock demanding a moratorium on horizontal fracking, similar to bans in place in Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Pits of dead moose and loss of wildlife habitat



A pit, one of many along the Alaska Highway, contains the carcass of a moose. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

If you pull over on north-eastern B.C.'s Alaska Highway and drive a few hundred metres into the bush, you'll smell it first. Then you'll see flies buzzing over a deep pit. It is filled with decomposing moose carcasses.

These pits dot the highway, said Carl Gitscheff of the B.C. Wildlife Federation — the final resting places of the large animals killed by the high traffic of trucks and transport trailers required by the gas industry. He estimates that more than a dozen moose are

killed daily.

While Gitscheff, a trapper and hunter in the region, hasn't noticed any mutations or internal health problems in the animals, the gas industry's massive footprint has carved out crucial pieces of wildlife habitat.

They're competing for land because good oil and gas country, he says, is also good wildlife country.

"When you have a geological formation that makes coal and oil and gas, for whatever reason it's also

good for wildlife."

Pipeline right of ways can destroy wildlife connections between land and water, he said. He added that one solution would be boring underground to build instead of digging the surface.

Exploration activity can destroy trees and scare away female animals who nest in them, leaving young marten and fisher to die.

"Companies should be obligated to mitigate this. Who's going to push that? The public." **EMILY JACKSON/** METRO IN VANCOUVER



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Future of fracking

'We can do better'

There's a prevailing sense in the north that no matter what, companies will frack the land to get to the gas.

Regardless of where people fall on the spectrum between welcoming economic growth and wanting to stop fracking for fear of side effects on health and the land, they all seem to believe one thing: If development is going to happen, it can

be done better.

On the relationship between companies and communities

"Can we do better? Absolutely."

— Geoff Morrison, manager of B.C. operations for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

On where pipelines are placed and wildlife impact studies

"We have science, we have technology, we can do a better job. There's no

doubt about it, and it's to the industry's benefit to do a better job."

— Carl Gitscheff of the B.C. Wildlife Federation

On B.C.'s striving to be a world leader in environmental practices

"We can harvest the resources we have and leave a lighter footprint. We can do better. We have that opportunity here in British Columbia."

— Fort St. John, B.C. mayor Lori Ackerman

EMILY JACKSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

The best of the best?

"We in British Columbia do fracking better than anybody else in the world."

B.C. Premier Christy Clark



B.C. Premier Christy Clark is a staunch supporter of fracking. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Cracks in foundation

Report on safety. B.C. unmoved as rest of the country remains fractured on fracking



MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

There are mounting calls for British Columbia to join other provinces and ease its foot off the liquefied natural gas (LNG) pedal to better study the health and environmental impacts of fracking.

The Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) last week released a report concluding that there isn't enough scientific study about the impacts of fracking to declare it safe.

The independent report specifically cited concerns about well integrity, emissions and the possibility of water contamination.

Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador have all had similar concerns and placed moratoriums on the practice.

But the B.C. government has refused to do the same.

"I don't agree with [the CCA]," Rich Coleman, the minister responsible for LNG, told media. "[The report] does not give me any cause for concern because I know we already study this on a regular basis. We track it on a regular basis and we know what our stats are. I think we have it pretty much right."

Lack of confidence

Not everyone shares the government's confidence.

The proposed TransCanada North Montney Mainline project in northeast B.C. would see a 301-kilometre pipeline carry natural gas through Halfway River First Nation territory.

"The elders look out their back window and that line will

be right there," said Halfway River Chief Darlene Hunter. "It's just like me coming into your backyard and ripping up your place and being OK with that."

Striking a balance between economic development and health concerns has been a challenge for many First Nations, according to Prophet River Chief Lynette Tsakoza.

"Right now it's a big concern," Tsakoza said. "Every nation wants economic development, and at the same time we're trying to fight for our territory, our environment and our water. Everything."

Fears around fracking

Dr. Warren Bell, a family physician in Salmon Arm, B.C. and founding member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, believes the fears around fracking are justified.

"There's abundant evidence in the Eastern States where fracking has been going on for some time. You've heard of a burning drinking water scenario, and that's because chemicals have come up far, far away from the well site simply because in this process of fracturing, you allow gases to escape. Methane plus the chemicals used in fracking, some of which are carcinogens, are starting to appear in places they shouldn't be."

The province has commissioned its own human health assessment into oil and gas development in northeast B.C., which is currently underway by a company called Intrinsik Environmental Services.

The findings are expected to be handed over to the Ministry of Health sometime this summer.

Fort St. John Mayor Lori Ackerman, who wants to see increased air monitoring in her city, said the community welcomes the study.

"If there are issues, then necessity is the mother of all invention and let's take a look at how we can correct that," Ackerman said. "If we don't have baseline [air quality] information, then this is a way to get it, through this study."

Critics, however, are concerned the findings may fall on deaf ears.

The NDP Opposition has accused the provincial government of undermining the environment with regulation changes that allow for gas development on protected agricultural and park lands.

The Liberals also attempted to scrap the environmental assessment process for sweet natural gas plants in April.

But those plans were reversed within hours after government and industry reps were ejected from an LNG conference hosted by shocked and angry First Nations leaders in Fort Nelson.

Forced to apologize

Environment Minister Mary Polak was forced to apologize for "failing to discuss the amendment with First Nations prior to its approval."

West Coast Environmental Law Association lawyer Anna Johnston warned the steps amount to "a slide towards environmental deregulation."

That hasn't stopped the government from trying to reassure the public that fracking — so integral to B.C.'s economic outlook — is safe.

"We in British Columbia do fracking better than anybody else in the world," Premier Christy Clark told Metro after announcing an LNG trade mission to Asia on April 30. "We learn from what we do here because, in 50 years of fracking, there hasn't been a single reported case of water contamination in British Columbia. That's a pretty good record."

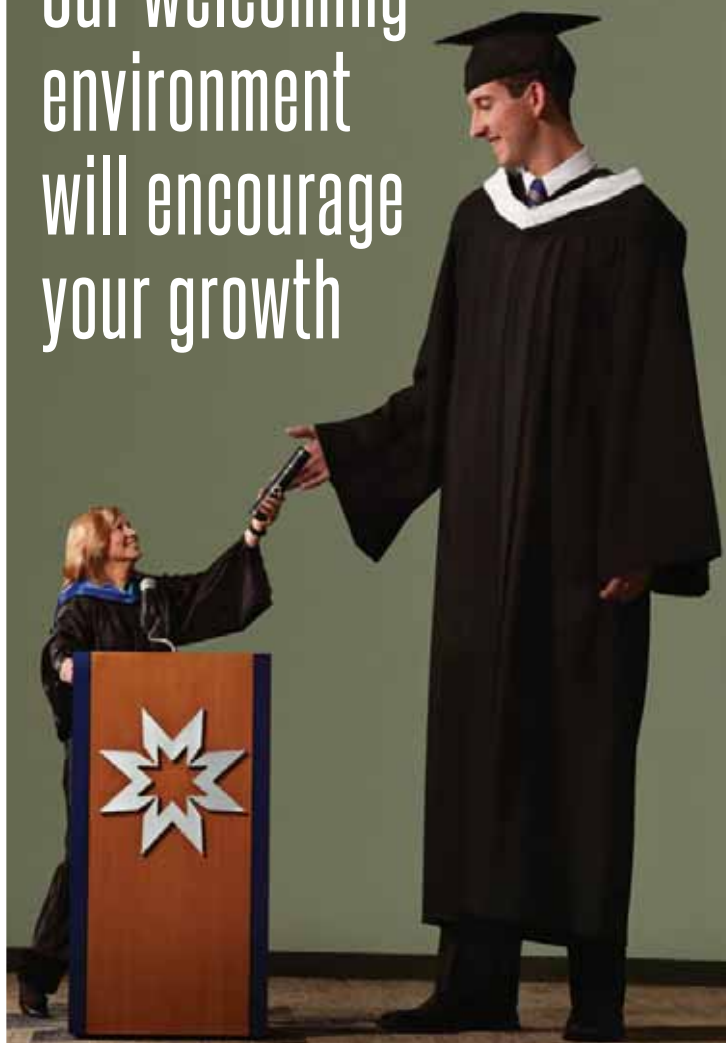
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Hackers accused of targeting T.O. police computers

Cyber attack. Toronto Police database stored sensitive info on 220,000 service members, including social security numbers and birthdates

A former U.S. Navy nuclear systems administrator has been charged with trying to break into the Toronto Police Service computer system.

There was no immediate word on Thursday on whether Nicholas Knight, 27 of Virginia, had any success in his online at-

tack, as part of a hacking group called "Team Digi7al."

Knight worked on an aircraft carrier in the nuclear reactor department.

Also charged was Illinois community college student Daniel Krueger, who studied network administration.

The men also tried to hack into the computers of more than 30 other organizations, including the U.S. Navy, the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the World Health Organization, according to a statement

issued this week from the U.S. Attorney's office for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

The Toronto Police Service and UBC were the only Canadian targets.

Knight and Krueger have each been charged with conspiring to steal identities, obstruct justice and damage a protected computer.

The scheme was detected in June 2012 by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, when it was alerted that someone had breached the Navy's database, according to the Northern District of Oklahoma's Attorney's Office. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Middle East virus kills four more

Egyptian Muslim pilgrims pray in Mina near the Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Four more people have died in Saudi Arabia after contracting an often fatal Middle East respiratory virus as the number of newly confirmed infections in the kingdom climbs higher, according to health officials. **AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Expert testifies at murder trial



Oscar Pistorius, in a courtroom on Tuesday. **MIKE HUTCHINGS/ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A ballistics expert called Thursday to testify by Oscar Pistorius's defence offered a different explanation to prosecutors for one of the wounds sustained by Reeva Steenkamp when she was shot and killed by the world-famous athlete last year.

Wollie Wolmarans testified his reconstructions of the Feb. 14, 2013 shooting showed that the pattern of wood splinter marks around a gunshot wound on Steenkamp's right arm indicated that the arm was between

six and 20 centimetres from a wood toilet door when it was hit by one of four hollow point bullets fired through the door by Pistorius.

Wolmarans' opinion was being used by the defence to show that Steenkamp may have been reaching out with her arm to open the cubicle door when she was hit. That assertion is in contrast to prosecutors' claims that the model was hiding in fear of an angry Pistorius during a heated nighttime argument.

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Walter Ross, 90, reads through his Queen's commission from his days in the military, in Edmonton on Wednesday.
JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grandpa finally graduates H.S.

75 years in the making.
Dropped out during war to care for family

Walter Ross always wanted to finish high school, and on Thursday night he'll be shuffling across a stage to celebrate his graduation — right after his grandson.

The 90-year-old was recently granted his diploma after leaving high school when he was 15. The province finally credited him with the French course he never passed.

The Edmonton man has

been invited to join 307 teenagers from St. Francis Xavier High School as they pull on caps and gowns and get ready for the next phase of their lives.

Ross, a spry, old-fashioned gent with hearing aids in both ears, smiles as he talks about working for 55 years as an insurance salesman, raising seven kids on his own and welcoming 24 grandchildren into the world.

His father had a heart attack when Ross was 15 and in Grade 10, with his two brothers in the army during the Second World War, he left school to care for his dad and

look after the family business.

Life went on and he eventually joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment militia and rose through the ranks to commanding officer. He served two terms as a senator with the University of Alberta, although he never told officials there he didn't finish high school.

At his 90th birthday party in January, he told his family that he had a new project: completing Grade 12.

A cousin helped him apply to the province and officials granted him a pass on the missing high school course, giving him credits instead for "life experience." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

River menace

Study deems slime a native species

It's earned the stomach churning nickname "rock snot" and it's clogging river bottoms from coast to coast.

But new research says the green slime is not an invasive species wreaking havoc across Canada and around the world, as once believed.

The study by Environment Canada and Dartmouth College in New Hampshire found the unsightly slime is caused by a native species of algae, *Didymosphenia geminata*, responding to changing environmental conditions.

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Drug regulations. Pot puffers hungry for battle

More than 200 people have flooded the Federal Court with lawsuits demanding the right to possess and grow their own medical marijuana.

A judge has put most of the cases on hold until a decision next year in a case examining Ottawa's recent changes to pot production.

New regulations were to take effect April 1 restricting medical marijuana production to licensed commercial growers, but an injunction was issued in March that temporarily allowed patients who were previously authorized to

grow medical marijuana to continue doing so while some patients challenge the new rules.

A Federal Court decision released this week notes 222 people, each representing themselves, have filed their own lawsuits alleging the federal marijuana laws are unconstitutional. They want, among other things, personal exemptions to possess or grow their own pot.

Some of the plaintiffs will still be permitted to grow under the terms of the injunction, Judge Michael Phelan wrote.

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A history of bookstores in Canada

1839

The Book Room opens in Halifax and is billed as Canada's first bookstore.

1940

Brothers Carl and Jack Cole open the first Coles Store in Toronto, marking the start of a small bookstore chain.

1995

SmithBooks (which used to be called W.H. Smith) and its main rival Coles merge to form Chapters Inc., marking the start of the nation's first book superstores.

1996

McNally Robinson opens in Winnipeg, described as Canada's largest independent bookstore

2001

Chapters and Indigo merge to create Canada's biggest bookstore chain, Indigo Books & Music Inc. Chapters.ca launches.

2002

Indigo's online rival Amazon.com, which launched in 1995, starts a Canadian version, Amazon.ca.

2008

The Book Room closes after 169 years in business, due to the increased competition from big-box stores.

2009

Indigo launches the Kobo e-reader to much fanfare.

2011

Kobo Inc. is sold to a Japanese firm for \$315 million US.

2014

Indigo's The World's Biggest Bookstore and two Chapters stores close in Toronto.



Inside the now-closed World's Biggest Bookstore in Toronto. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The end of bookstores?

Whether indie or big box, Canadian stores are fighting for survival



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The Sarfraz family pulled into a dark, deserted mall parking lot.

As sunrise approached, Aisha Sarfraz, 8, was joined by other girls in a growing line outside the Indigo bookstore at Yorkdale Mall in Toronto. Just after 7 a.m., Sarfraz got to go behind the black velvet curtain. The girls (with mothers, fathers and brothers in tow) rushed past the books and into the new pink-and-white American Girl store within the Indigo.

"It was fun," said the fan.

The morning ended with another line at the register and a \$941 receipt.

The price of the dolls, which start at \$125, did not deter more than 5,000 people in Toronto and Vancouver from checking out Indigo CEO Heather Reisman's latest business gambit last weekend. While books became a harder sell, Canada's only national bookstore chain is stocking everything from dolls to Poppin' office supplies to toasted coconut marshmallows. For fiscal 2013, its consolidated revenues slid 4.4 per cent to \$892.5 million. Reisman is set to announce fiscal 2014 results on May 27.

They declined to comment for this story.

"They're obviously working out what they're going to evolve to," said Maureen Atkinson, a retail analyst at J.C. Williams Group. "Not everything they're testing will be a hit."

Back in 1995, U.S. book-

Closures

What we lose

When Harry meets Sally again it is in the self-help section of a New York City bookstore.

In the rom-com classic Billy Crystal (Harry) and Meg Ryan (Sally) eventually live happily ever after, after bumping into each other at a Shakespeare & Co. store.

Whether you are looking to pick up a book or a long-lost lover, when we lose bookstores we lose the possibility of running into an old friend, or making a new one, between the book stacks.

The bestselling fantasy writer and bookstore fanatic Guy Gavriel Kay recently lost his favourite local haunt, Book City. He would often pop in to see what would pop up and tickle his fancy.

store giants Barnes & Noble and Borders Group planned to open superstores north of the border. Reisman was head of Cott Beverages, and was approached to lead Borders' bid. The plan was quashed, as it did not meet Canada's ownership policies for foreign booksellers. Borders filed for bankruptcy in 2011. Barnes & Noble's bid also failed and it is limping towards its 100th birthday in 2017.

Reisman, now 65, has proven to be remarkably resilient over the years. After the Borders deal crumbled she opened her first Indigo Books, Music & More store in 1997 in Burlington, Ont. By 2001 Indigo and Chapters merged, effectively giving the tastemaker a monopoly on Canada's book mar-



Aisha Sarfraz, 8, waits in line outside an Indigo shop in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

Hopping online is just not the same.

If the 1989 flick was set in 2014 perhaps Sally would have popped up on Harry's Twitter feed. Perhaps he would have just scrolled right past her.

"A lot of our culture

today narrows us to our own online community of shared tastes and views. A bookstore is wide open and that helps make us wider and more open," writes Kay over email.

"We risk losing that as bookstores close."

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Just like in the board game Monopoly (which you can now buy at Indigo) the dice mostly rolled in Reisman's favour. The superstore format was a hit with consumers and by the end of 2009 the savvy businesswoman had 96 superstores and 151 small-format stores, according to Indigo's financial reports.

But the game is changing. By the end of 2013, Indigo was down to 131 small stores. By the end of May it will have closed three superstores in Toronto this year, including the World's Biggest Bookstore. When a 22,000-square-foot Chapters store closed in Toronto in February, the founder pinned the closures partially on soaring rents. But that's only

part of the tale.

"If you are in the book business you have to be online because that's where the customers are," said Atkinson.

Reisman has seen the writing on the wall. At least for now, physical paperback books are still the No. 1 choice for readers, making up 58 per cent of sales in 2012, followed by hardcovers at 24 per cent, according to BookNet, a non-profit that collects data on the industry. But many of those books are now bought online.

Indigo launched chapters.indigo.ca in 2001. In 2002 Amazon.ca, the Canadian version of Amazon.com, came along. Amazon is now the world's largest online retailer, with revenue of \$74.5 billion US in

2013.

Selling online cuts overhead costs, but it is cut-throat. The "Heathers Kids Pick" The Day the Crayons Quit is \$19 in Indigo stores, but \$13.72 in the online store for Plum Rewards users — the same price as on Amazon.ca. Price-matching seems to be working. From Oct. to Dec. 2013, Indigo's online sales surged 19.3 per cent to a record \$41.5 million, said a release. And then there's ebooks.

Indigo launched the e-reader Kobo to much fanfare in 2010. By the end of 2011 Kobo Inc. was sold for \$315 million US. It's looking like a smart move as a 2013 BookNet study found the appetite has already plateaued at about 15 per cent. A Pew Research Center report shows 32 per cent of ebook readers read them on their phones, while 78 per cent of tablet owners read them on those devices.

But the competition for ebooks remains stiff. The Day the Crayons Quit is \$11.99 for the Kobo edition, while Amazon.ca's Kindle version is \$8.99.

The young Aisha is a bit old-fashioned. She still buys the real thing in person at Yorkdale's Indigo. Her mother and little brother usually tag along. The store is trying hard to appeal to mothers too, offering everything from Godiva chocolates to a 50-per-cent off sale this week on five books for Mother's Day. But Aisha's mother, Sarah, can't recall ever buying anything for herself.

"I'm not a reader, I'm a movie person," she said.

If Indigo is to make it to its 20-year anniversary and beyond it will have to find a way to get all those moms, dads and brothers who lined up alongside the girls for the American Girl store to buy something too.

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Downer. U.S. insurers wary about covering pot

Patients who use medical marijuana for pain and other chronic symptoms can take an unwanted hit: Insurers don't cover the treatment, which costs as much as \$1,000 US a month.

Once the drug of choice for hippies and rebellious teens, marijuana in recent years has gained more mainstream acceptance for its

ability to boost appetite, dull pain and reduce seizures in everyone from epileptics to cancer patients.

Still, insurers are reluctant to cover it, in part because of conflicting laws. While 21 U.S. states have passed laws approving it for medical use, the drug still is illegal federally and in most states.

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A man who suffers from epileptic seizures and leg pain from a childhood case of polio prepares a medical marijuana joint in California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tim Hortons takes a swing at McDonald's

New items coming.

The coffee and doughnut chain wants to eat into other fast-food franchises' lunch by serving up more midday options

Tim Hortons chief executive Marc Caira says he wants the chain to be a priority for Canadians at the lunch hour.

The CEO said Thursday that he's determined to make the company the lunchtime leader among quick-food outlets through its growing variety of sandwiches, grilled paninis and other offerings.

"In this low-growth era you need to aggressively go after these segments because there's potential to grow," he said in an interview after the company's shareholders meeting.

Caira said the recent launch



The iconic coffee and doughnut chain aims to lure you back after your morning cup of Joe with lunch options that rival other fast-food chains' offerings. FACEBOOK

of its crispy chicken sandwich is helping the company achieve the goal of presenting itself as an alternative to its biggest competitors, which include McDonald's and Burger King.

At the same time, Caira wants to focus more on nutrition, emphasizing that his

company's chicken sandwich contains more protein and less fat than comparable offerings.

"Our responsibility is to make the product as healthy as possible and provide you the information to help you make the right decision," he said. "It's very easy to make (a) doughnut

really, really healthy. The problem is you wouldn't buy it because there's no taste."

Caira said the national coffee and doughnut chain needs to move faster to test and launch food items as it faces off against aggressive competitors.

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Messaging app

Snapchat settles with FTC over false privacy claims

Snapchat has agreed to settle with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission over charges that it deceived customers about the disappearing nature of messages sent through its service and that it collected users' contacts without telling them or asking permission.

The messaging app lets users send pics, videos and messages that disappear.

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Breakfast of champions

How about a BK Whopper to start your day off right?

Burger King has some new additions to its breakfast menu in the U.S. — its flame-broiled burgers.

The Burgers at Breakfast menu includes its whoppers, cheeseburgers and big king sandwiches, as well as its original chicken sandwich, french fries and apple pie. The items are offered alongside the chain's normal breakfast menu.

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Nothing artificial?

Turns out Kashi products not 'All Natural' after all

Kellogg says it will no longer use the "All Natural" or "Nothing Artificial" labels on certain Kashi products as part of an agreement to settle a class-action lawsuit.

The suit accused Kashi of misleading people by stamping the phrase "All Natural" or "Nothing Artificial" on products that contained a variety of synthetic and artificial ingredients.

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United States. Airlines want to travel back in time and return to promoting the base fare, before revealing the full ticket price

Airlines tried and failed to block a federal rule making them tell passengers upfront the full cost of airfare, including government taxes and fees. So they're trying another route, asking Congress to do what the Obama administration and the courts refused to do: roll back the law.

A bill in Congress would allow airlines to return to their old way of doing things, which was to emphasize in ads the base airfare — the amount airlines charge passengers to fly — but reveal the full price including taxes and fees sep-



Airlines in the U.S. want to go back to promoting the base fares, not the full fares, for flights. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

arately. It's backed by a bipartisan group of 33 lawmakers led by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster, R-Pa.

Before the Transportation Department put its regulation in place two years ago, airlines and ticketing services would typically display the

lower base fare in large type and show taxes and fees in small print. Consumers shopping online often weren't shown taxes and fees unless

they scrolled to the bottom of the web page or clicked through several pages after selecting a flight.

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Criticism

'It's just dishonest'

The bill, supported both by the airline industry and by its pilot and flight-attendant unions, is moving through the House at Mach speed.

Not everyone wants the bill fast-tracked. It is "a gift to the airlines," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., a transportation committee member who said he voted against it. "What you're going to see is \$200 for the airfare, and then you're going to be shocked when it turns out to really be \$250," he said. "It's misleading to the consumer. It's just dishonest."

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LIFE'S JUST BETTER IN THE COLD

1 Keep on Tweetin'. Twitter stock plummeted to record lows this week when it was revealed that the social media monster fell far short of projected growth. Is it ironic that this was one of the top trending news items on Twitter?

2 Best of 'gluck. Thailand's prime minister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was ousted from office by the Constitutional Court in Bangkok this week. The claim is that of alleged "abuse of power," which is not only controversial but makes me wonder if we're even still talking about politics.

3 Missing mayor. I never thought I'd see the day when we'd be looking for Rob Ford, let alone that he would be hard to find.

4 High praise. Pope Francis decided to wing it in his Palm Sunday homily, calling on people to look into their own hearts to see how they're living and then into their phones to snap them some selfies. He then hopped on the



THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim

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popemobile, pointed, winked and said, "Keep it real, homies." #OMGCoolerPopeEver

5 Northern bliss. Canada ranked fifth on the Better Life Index based on a survey of what people believe to be the "most important factors for quality of life." Countries ahead of us included Denmark, Sweden and Norway, leading me to believe that the "most important factors" are skiing, bobsledding and hockey.

6 #VegasBaby. Ben Affleck won so much money at blackjack that he was banned by the Hard Rock Casino for allegedly counting cards. This, in my opinion, is an impressive skill for which the victor deserves the spoils. Know anyone who's been banned for losing too much? Think about it while I go

play basketball against eight-year-olds for money.
7 Sound of music. It's Canadian Music Week in Toronto. Great time to witness amazing burgeoning talent from

other parts of the country and beyond. When I hear American divas complain about not making enough money and playing half-empty venues, I always say, "There are starving artists in Canada who would kill to have what you have!" And we laugh. Then I think about it, and it's actually not that funny. #CMW2014

8 Cold truth. Our nation's only current NHL playoff team is Montreal, but many Canucks seem unwilling to support "les Canadiens," and I believe that Lord Stanley would be turning over in his silver-plated grave. The Parti Québécois lost the election. The least we can do is cheer for the Habs because the closest the rest of us will get to a championship is eating a Stanley Cup doughnut at Tim Hortons. #GoHabsGo

9 Shattered (hoop) dreams. The Toronto Raptors, who had come so far, fell just one point short of advancing to the second round on Sunday. On the bright side, the Brooklyn Nets suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Miami Heat. That shouldn't make me feel any better, but somehow it just does.

ZOOM

Yes, I do have a frog in my throat



This is not the first time Angus James saved a frog from peril. "Funnily enough, when I was a kid one of my fondest memories is of saving tree frogs by picking them up off the road and into a bucket. Then I'd release them into the safety of the bush," he said. COURTESY ANGUS JAMES

Q&A

Avoiding croaking in the jaws of death

Meet the perch that literally had a frog in its throat. Angler Angus James was left gobsmacked when he discovered a green tree frog inside the mouth of the fish he caught in northern Queensland, Australia. James tells Metro about the moment when he realized something fishy was going on.

The frog had just survived being eaten and you had just pulled off this amazing catch, so who had the bigger smile? We both had pretty big smiles, but I reckon his was bigger after he'd jumped out of the fish's mouth.

It looks like the frog was hitching a jaw-side ride. But what actually happened? The perch must have just eaten the frog like a minute before I caught it. Normally fish like that go for smaller insects but maybe he was stocking up.

When did you realize that you'd caught a 2-for-1? I

wasn't sure what it was at first — it looked like a splodge of green. Then, as I was removing the lure from the perch's mouth, the frog blinked. That's when I noticed what it was, and I quickly reached for my camera before it leapt over my shoulder.

You must have cat-like reactions to have managed to get your camera out in time. I used to be in the military, so I reckon the training kicked in. I whipped the camera out of my webbing (bag) and took the pic. But it wasn't till later that I realized just how funny the smiling frog looked.

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It's all good in the 'hood

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Neighbors opens in theatres this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne star as Mac and Kelly, aging hipsters and parents to newborn Stella. Their quiet suburban life is uprooted when unruly frat boys led by Teddy (Zac Efron) and Pete (Dave Franco) move in next door. "Make sure that if we're too noisy, call me," says Teddy on the eve of a big blowout. "Don't call the cops." When the house party spirals out of control, the couple has to call the police, thereby violating the fragile "circle of trust" between the two households. Trust broken, petty resentments trigger a Hatfield and McCoy's style feud between Teddy and Company and Mac and Kelly.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

Neighbors. Frat boy humour is always funny — but Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne bring some maturity to the fold

Richard: Mark, there's an old saying that goes, "You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family." True enough, but as this movie teaches us, you should add neighbours to the "cannot choose" list. Living next door to the frat boys would be a nightmare in real life, but in reel life, it's a great situation for

humour. The movie is not so much a story as it is an idea played out in a series of gags, but it is funny. Raunchy, but funny.

Mark: Also a movie that would have us believe there are no zoning bylaws in this fictitious college town. And Richard, I half agree with you. There are two movies here. One is the story of a young married couple with a baby; the other, the story of a bunch of frat-house goofs. The former is extremely funny: Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne have a comedic chemistry as good as any great vaudeville duo. The frat boys, unfortunately, are mostly indistinguish-

able and their scenes made me long for Animal House. Why cast the wonderful Christopher Mintz-Plasse and give him so little to do?

RC: I wondered that as well, but let's face it, in the frat house side of things, Efron's abs are the star. And his hair. And toothy grin. No room for the less physical charms of Mintz-Plasse. The real charm here, though, as you say, lies with Rogen and Byrne. They have great chemistry, and are a natural match — like frat boys and bongos. Their story doesn't hinge on the war with the neighbours, however, as much as it does the way they battle against

growing up. Their need to be thought of as cool while still being responsible adults, is very funny and adds a nice subtext to what could have been simply a very silly comedy.

MB: And in this way, the movie could be seen as a sequel to Knocked Up. Both films deal with Rogen as a dad and a late bloomer to maturity. Neighbours wouldn't be nearly as successful if the couple were older or stuffer. It hits the right note of them being almost young enough to take part in frat-house shenanigans, but not with the responsibility of a newborn. As a recent first-time

dad, I can tell you they got all those jokes right. But, Richard, I still laughed the hardest at some of the physical stuff. The airbag sequence is bound to be a classic.

RC: The airbag gags made me laugh, for sure, but the real treat for me was watching Rose Byrne, in her natural Aussie accent, outcursing and outdoing Rogen with razor-sharp comic timing.

MB: Or check out her seduction scene of two frat kids — one male, one female — which will get an applause break from the audience every time!

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With the new Godzilla film hitting North American shores on May 16th, it's time to brush up on the legendary monster movies. Spanning 60 years and 30 films, Godzilla has run the gamut from topical war metaphor to so-bad-they're-good B-movies. So without further adieu, it's time for a monster movie marathon.

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Gojira (1954)

Despite the franchise's low-rent reputation, the first-ever Godzilla film was much more than a special effects laden cheap thrill. In Japan, Godzilla himself was an allegory for something very real and very devastating: the atomic bomb. The negative effects of atom and hydrogen bomb testing were a contemporary reality in 1950s Japan, and Godzilla — a horrific force of destruction born out of nuclear testing — was their avatar. As the vengeful King of Monsters stomped through a grainy black-and-white Tokyo, raining radioactive death on a helpless city, Japanese audiences reportedly watched in "sombre silence, broken by periodic weeping." That according to the New York Times.



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Must-see Godzilla flicks



Destroy All Monsters (1968)

This is rubber-suit-wearing, cardboard-city-destroying action at its finest. There are spaceships, aliens, and yes, *monsters*. Eleven of them, actually. When the world's kaiju (giant monsters) start going haywire and attacking various capital cities around the globe, it turns out a race of all-female silver-jumpsuit-wearing aliens are behind it, using mind-control devices on the monsters and levelling the Earth. Unlike its illustrious predecessor of the 1950s, Destroy All Monsters is pure B-movie shlock. With amusingly poor special effects, hilarious English dubbing, wild editing, and just general nonsensical plot elements, it's a monster-mash that's so bad, it's good.

The Return of Godzilla (1984)

After decades of increasingly silly and light-hearted films, the Godzilla franchise was laid to rest in 1975 with Terror of Mechagodzilla. The big guy would rise again nearly 10 years later in The Return of Godzilla — a movie that saw the restoration of the malevolent monster that first emerged from the Pacific Ocean in 1954. Gone were the laughable monster sidekicks, and the basement-budget special effects. Facing off against the Japanese military and their ultimate anti-Godzilla weapon, this would be one of the only Godzilla films ever made not to feature an enemy kaiju (giant monster).



Godzilla (1998)

Hollywood's first attempt at an American Godzilla flick crashed and burned in spectacular fashion, tanking at the box office and ticking off old-school Godzilla fans, who struggled to recognize the iconic monster's T-Rex style makeover. A "lobotomized" (as one writer puts it) plot and poor acting earned the film the 1998 Raspberry for Worst Remake or Sequel. The movie was so bad, Toho went out of its way to acknowledge the American Godzilla as a completely separate entity from the "real" King of Monsters, and would poke fun at it in movies to come.



Godzilla 2000 (1999)

In 1999, Toho — the company behind each and every Japanese Godzilla film — rebooted the franchise for a third time with Godzilla 2000, a classically minded modern take on the king of kaiju. Godzilla 2000 combined the old-school master model work that made Godzilla famous in the first place with the computer-generated special effects of a new age. The result was a film that retained all the cheesy charm of the Godzilla of yesteryear, with the best special effects of the day. Unlike its 1954 or 1985 counterparts, Godzilla 2000 doesn't it take itself too seriously.



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Return of the reptile. New Godzilla pays homage to the nightmare of the film that started it all

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Sixty years ago, a reptilian nightmare was birthed from the bowels of Tokyo to lay waste to everything in its path, roaring like atomic death and sending Japan into a pop culture swoon. The film was 1954's Gogira, shipped to the U.S., dubbed, padded with footage of character actor Raymond (Perry Mason) Burr looking concerned and re-titled Godzilla. Sequel followed sequel, new monsters were introduced and a global phenomenon that spanned generations and multiple-medias evolved, its scaly, iconic shadow still looming large.

And now, Legendary Pictures and British director Gareth Edwards have revived the Big G legacy anew for their hotly anticipated American remount. And though the filmmaker admits to a life-long love of 'Zilla flicks, nothing could properly prepare him for the myth he would end up inheriting.

"My first experience watching a Godzilla movie was when I was still at school," Edwards, whose previous film was the innovative indie hit Monsters.

"But I only saw the original

black-and-white version when I was in my 30s after the British Film Institute rereleased the film on DVD. I had actually been watching it a few days before I got the call from my agent. He asked if I was sitting down, so I did. They then asked 'Legendary have called and asked if you'd be interested in Godzilla?' After that, I made a point of tracking all 28 of the films down and completing my collection. I even bought the Hanna-Barbera Cartoon — that how keen I was to be a good student!"

Anyone who has seen the spine-shaking theatrical trailer for Edwards' Godzilla redux knows that Edwards and company are not fooling around. This isn't a mere man-in-a-suit Toho Studios 'Zilla romp, nor is it the smarmy, dumbed-down opus of the 1998 Roland Emmerich fiasco. This Godzilla is a nightmare, akin to the original film. A tale of human folly answered by the apocalypse in the form of a massive prehistoric force of destructive nature. In short, this is a horror movie. And yet, Edwards promises not to sacrifice the story's humanity in favour of numbing shock.

"I think all filmmaking is about finding the right balance between things," notes the director.

"The spectacle is pointless if you don't care about the outcome, but if we focus purely on the characters then it would make for a very frustrating Godzilla movie. From my point of view, the films that got this right like Jaws,

Alien and Jurassic Park, have great characters that you really grow to care about whilst they're slowly pulled in deeper and deeper into the situation. If you actually sit and analyze these films, the real monsters don't turn up for about an hour, but it never feels that way because you're so invested in what is happening at every turn."

If Godzilla does well at the box office, there will no doubt be more films to follow. And if it doesn't? Well, there will likely still be more, such is the enduring appeal of the character and what it represents, as Edwards explains.

"I think for millions of years we've lived as part of nature where every day there was the constant threat that an animal would come and kill our loved ones or attack our cave. It's only in the last few generations that we live in cities and have pushed nature out, but that fear of the animal coming doesn't go away.

"It's hardwired into our DNA so as our caves become bigger, like 30-storey buildings, our fears become bigger, too. I think this is why we'll always have subconscious fear of giant creatures attacking our cities."

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"We'll always have subconscious fear of giant creatures attacking our cities."

Godzilla director Gareth Edwards

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Comedy



Moms' Night Out

Director. Andrew Erwin (II), Jon Erwin

Stars. Patricia Heaton, Sarah Drew

All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and conversation — a long-needed moms' night out. But in order to enjoy high heels, adult conversation and food not served in a paper bag, they need their husbands to watch the kids for three hours ...What could go wrong?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍌 21% Audience: 🍷 + 88%

Family



Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return

Director. Dan St. Pierre, Will Finn

Stars. Lea Michele, Jim Belushi

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return is a 3D-animated musical based on the adventure books by Roger Stanton Baum, the great-grandson of L. Frank Baum.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍌 0% Audience: 🍷 + 75%

Horror



Stage Fright

Director. Jerome Sable

Stars. Allie MacDonald, Douglas Smith

Starry-eyed teenager Camilla Swanson wants to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a Broadway diva, but she's stuck working in the kitchen of a snobby performing arts camp.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍌 52% Audience: 🍷 + 76%

Horror



The Quiet Ones

Director. John Pogue

Stars. Jared Harris, Sam Claflin

From the producer who brought you The Woman In Black and Let Me In comes the unnerving tale of The Quiet Ones. Tucked away in an estate outside of London, Professor Coupland along with a team of university students conduct an "experiment" on Jane Harper, a young girl who harbours unspeakable secrets.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍌 50% Audience: 🍷 + 85%

Drama/Romance



The Lunchbox

Director. Ritesh Batra

Stars. Irfan Khan, Nimrat Kaur

Housewife Ila wants to add some spice to her marriage through her cooking, so she prepares a lunchbox to be delivered to her husband at work, but it's mistakenly delivered to another worker, Saajan, a lonely man on the verge of retirement.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍷 93% Audience: 🍷 86%

Drama



Joe

Director. David Gordon Green

Stars. Nicolas Cage, Tye Sheridan

A gripping mix of friendship, violence and redemption erupts in the contemporary South in this adaptation of Larry Brown's novel, celebrated at once for its grit and its deeply moving core.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍌 82% Audience: 🍷 78%

Movies. Gerard Butler makes his Point and Breaks from film remake

Gerard Butler has left the Point Break remake.

The Point Break schedule clashed with that of the Olympus Has Fallen sequel for the 300 and How to Train Your Dragon actor.

Butler had been in place to play the role of Bodhi, originally portrayed by Patrick Swayze in the 1991 surf-and-

bank-heist original, while Luke Bracey (G.I. Joe: Retaliation) is FBI agent Johnny Utah (originally Keanu Reeves), tasked with infiltrating Bodhi's gang.

The split results from both creative differences and scheduling issues, according to sources speaking with The Hollywood Reporter, with Point Break to shoot from June

and London Has Fallen calling its returning cast to set in August.

That means a new Bodhi for Alcon Entertainment (April 2014's Transcendence) and director Ericson Core (2006 sports film Invincible), with Alcon determined to stick to its original start date for Point Break. **AFP**



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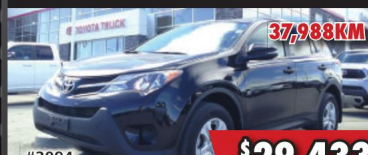


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Philomena (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-4:15-7:15 Sun 4:15-7:15 Mon 12:55-4:15 Tue-Thu 12:55-4:15-7:15
Royal Opera House: Carmen (STC) Sun 1 Mon 7
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Thu 8:55

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An American in Paris (STC) Mon 7
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Brick Mansions (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45
Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:25
Godzilla 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 7-10
The Grand Budapest Hotel (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:55-5:25-8:05-10:35
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (G) Fri-Sat 12:10 Sun 12:10-2:40 Mon-Tue 2 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30 Thu 2
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return 3D (G) Fri-Sat 2:40-5:05-7:40 Sun-Thu 5:05-7:40
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 10:55
National Theatre Live: War Horse - Encore (STC) Sun 12:55
Neighbors (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3-5:30-8-10:30
Noah (PG) Fri 12:40-3:50-7:05-10:15 Sat 3:50-7:05-10:15 Sun 7:05-10:15 Mon 12:40-3:50-10:15 Tue-Wed 12:40-3:50-7:05-10:15 Thu 12:40-3:50-10:15
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Rio 2 (G) Fri 1:35 Sat 11-1:35 Sun-Thu 1:35
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Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-9:45 Fri-Sun 12:50-6:40-10:20 Mon-Wed 6:40-10:20 Thu 6:40
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God's Not Dead (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3-7:30 Mon-Wed 3-7:30 Thu 3-6
Godzilla 3D (PG) Thu 7:30-8-10:15
Godzilla: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Thu 7-10
Heaven Is for Real (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:35-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:10-9
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Trailer Park Boys: Don't Legalize It (18A) Fri-Wed 10:05

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Heaven Is for Real (PG) Fri 6:20-9:20 Sat-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:20-9:20
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Neighbors (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:45-9:45-10:20
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Rio 2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15

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Finding Vivian Maier (PG) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
Nymphomaniac: Volume I (R) Fri-

Thu 7
Nymphomaniac: Volume II (R) Fri-Thu 9:20
Tim's Vermeer (PG) Sat-Sun 1-3:20

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4:25-7:05-9:50
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (G)
Fri-Wed 12:15-2:40 Star & Strollers
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Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return 3D
(G) Fri-Thu 5:05-7:30-10:05
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Moms' Night Out (PG) No Passes Fri-
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National Theatre Live: War Horse -
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8:30 Mon-Thu 9:15
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Jatt James Bond (PG) Fri-Sat 2:40-6-
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Penny for your thoughts, Josh Hartnett

Penny Dreadful.

Actor mingles with Frankenstein and Dorian Gray in new horror series

A big reason film actors are drawn to TV is that it offers the sort of character-driven projects found less and less in a movie world tilted toward blockbusters.

That's partly why Josh Hartnett jumped into Penny Dreadful, an eight-part series debuting Sunday night on Showtime, Movie Central and The Movie Network. He plays a troubled American, a gun for hire who's ensnared by Victorian London's dark side in the horror drama-cum-psychological study.

Hartnett also appreciated the guarantee that the project would be marketed and presented to an audience, something he's become painfully aware isn't always the case with independent films.

"I've had worthy films not get a correct release, and have people come up to me



Josh Hartnett stars as hired gun Ethan Chandler in Penny Dreadful. JONATHAN HESSON/SHOWTIME

later and say how much they enjoyed the film," seen after the fact online or on DVD, he said.

"It's gratifying to know that people go back and see stuff," he said. "But it would be more gratifying to be part of the cultural dialogue and (know) that

it (a project) had an impact when it was released."

Hartnett's profile was reduced as some films suffered spotty or delayed releases. His starring role in Penny Dreadful has put him squarely back in the publicity spotlight and, he says, has led to some media

confusion.

"The narrative that's been created over the last couple months is that I disappeared, and I was some hermit for the last few years and joined a cult or something," he said. "It's just crazy ... I was doing work I thought was worthy."

Quoted

"I didn't want to just write a Frankenstein story or a Dracula story or a Dorian Gray."

Penny Dreadful creator and executive producer John Logan

Watch it

Penny Dreadful debuts Sunday, May 11 at 9 p.m. PT on Movie Central (Western Canada) and 10 p.m. ET on The Movie Network (Eastern Canada).

But he's fine with the renewed attention. "Being 35 and not 18, I'm less susceptible to the negative aspects" — given the satisfactions of working on Penny Dreadful.

The foremost attraction for Hartnett was working with creator-executive producer John Logan, a Tony Award-winner for Red and an Oscar-nominated screenwriter whose credits include Gladiator, Hugo and Skyfall, and executive producer Sam Mendes, the American Beauty Oscar-winning director.

The series they've wrought is an undeniable creepfest. Its title is drawn from the nickname for cheap, 19th-century publications that offered serialized tales of violence, death and general sensationalism.

Showtime's version finds

renowned and rich explorer Sir Malcolm Murray (Timothy Dalton) and the mysterious Vanessa Ives (Eva Green) on the hunt for a monstrous killer. They recruit Hartnett's sharpshooter, Ethan Chandler, a man with a shrouded past, and one Dr. Victor Frankenstein (Harry Treadaway).

The not-so-good doctor isn't the only familiar fictional character in Penny Dreadful: Dorian Gray, dropping by from Oscar Wilde's novel, is part of the macabre world.

"I didn't want to just write a Frankenstein story or a Dracula story or a Dorian Gray," Logan told a news conference. "That's why I created the characters that Eva and Josh played to be the centrepiece of the story."

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Television. Fox moves forward with Lee Daniels' hip-hop series Empire

Empire and Red Band Society have been announced as the latest additions to the fall 2014 lineup at Fox. This brings the total number of new series launching on the network next season to five.

Helmed by The Butler director Lee Daniels, Empire will join Glee and Nashville to become the third music-themed series on Fox. The drama will focus on Lucious Lyon, a charismatic recording artist and producer determined to bring his record label Empire Entertainment to the stock exchange. Raised on the streets, the character will do anything to defend his company.

Terrence Howard (The Butler, Iron Man) will play Lyon, while Taraji P. Henson (Person of Interest) will co-star as Cookie Lyon, the protagonist's former partner in life and business. At the start of the show, the sexy and scandalous



Terrence Howard will play a hip-hop mogul in Empire, the new Fox series directed by Lee Daniels. ROBYN BECK/APP

Cookie has been released from prison after serving 17 years for drug trafficking. Since the money she earned through crime decades earlier helped to finance Empire Entertainment, she comes to Lucious to

claim her due now that she is out on parole.

A family drama, Empire will also star Gabourey Sidibe, who played the protagonist in Lee Daniels's feature Precious. AFP

Going back for more

Spring Breakers sequel written by Irvine Welsh

Irvine Welsh has penned the script for the followup to the 2012 movie, Spring Breakers.

Wild Bunch producer Vincent Maraval confirmed plans for Spring Breakers 2 in conversation with ScreenDaily.

Harmony Korine, who wrote and directed the original movie, will not take part in the sequel. The script has already been written by Welsh, the Scottish author best known for his novel Trainspotting, which follows a band of heroin addicts and was adapted



for the big screen by Danny Boyle.

Spring Breakers: The Second Coming will follow a new group of college partyers who cross paths with Christian fundamentalists determined to set them on the path of righteousness. AFP

Online streaming

Netflix sets its sights on original documentaries

Netflix is making a push into documentaries, with the subscription service announcing deals on Thursday to premiere four new films in the next few months.

Netflix has always made non-fiction films available to subscribers, but until recently they have been projects initially made for theatrical release or on television networks. Netflix said it now wants filmmakers to make their work specifically for the service, or use Netflix to offer the first wide distribution.

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The laugh track to our lives

Before there was *Girls*. *Friends* reflected a generation of confused young urbanites. Did it really end 10 years ago?

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This week marks the 10-year anniversary of the final *Friends* episode airing. Remember 2004? President Bush, no iPhones, and Facebook was only available at certain universities. Few other shows reach the level of cultural dominance *Friends* achieved, but, like any show on the air for a decade, it had its highs and its lows. Here, in no particular order, are a few of the most memorable moments.

High: Monica and Chandler While Ross and Rachel were set up in the pilot episode as the show's defining romance, the less dramatic but more comedic pairing of Monica (Courteney Cox) and Chandler

(Matthew Perry) turned out to be one of the best ideas the writers had. Finicky Monica and sarcastic Chandler hooked up at Ross's wedding in London, then soon fell in love, providing plenty of comedic fodder as the rest of the *Friends* found out one by one.

Low: Ross owns a monkey Remember when Ross (David Schwimmer) had a monkey? Why did Ross have a monkey? Look, we all enjoy a mealworms joke here and there, but really, having a pet monkey is just a little weird. The show itself even made fun of it in later years, having Ross remark, "Hey, remember when I had a monkey? Yeah, what was I thinking?" Indeed, Ross.

High: Setting Phoebe up with Paul Rudd Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow) was always the odd one out. She doesn't live with anyone, she's not related to anyone and, well, she's a bit of a weirdo. But when Joey (Matt LeBlanc) randomly sets her up with a stranger, the guy turns out

to be the love of her life. And he's Paul Rudd, which is an added bonus. We're glad the show never followed through on Phoebe's occasional comments about how cute Joey is.

Low: Rachel and Joey try to date

The show couldn't resist pairing up its various *Friends* over the years (except for Phoebe — sorry, Phoebe) and this late-in-the-run pairing came across a bit like the writers selected two of the single *Friends* at random and threw them together. Rachel (Jennifer Aniston) and Joey briefly tried dating, only to quickly decide they were better as friends, which viewers could have told them.

High: Ten years of finding the comedy in the everyday, as sitcoms are supposed to do PIVOT! PIVOT! Need we say more?

Low: Joey never has a serious relationship

To be fair, Joey was an unrepentant womanizer. But there were hints here and

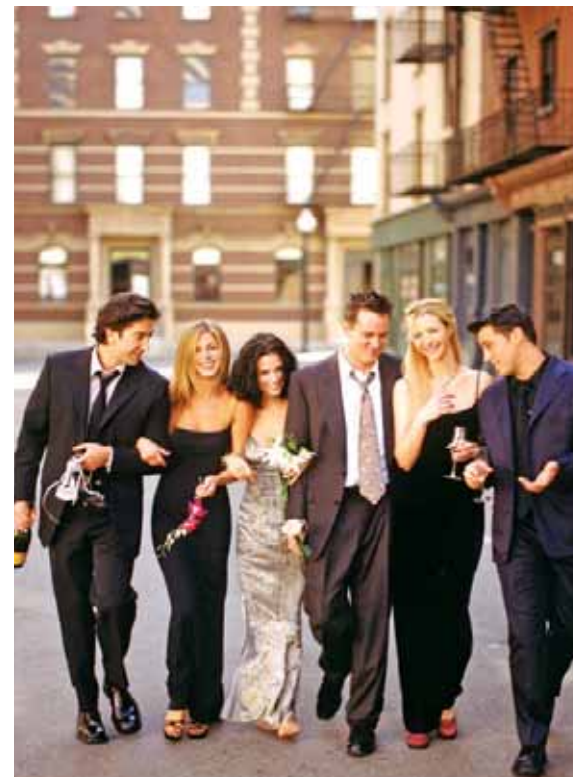
there that he wanted to date someone more seriously, and the show never set him up with someone long-term.

High: Having the *Friends* go through all the things you're supposed to

Sure, they may have spent the workday in a coffee shop and they lived in palatial apartments, but the group also confronted realistic issues over the run of the show, from the death of family members to getting married to working at crappy jobs before finding your dream career. One early episode showed the three *Friends* with better jobs going out to an expensive concert (uh, *Hootie and the Blowfish* — it was the '90s!), while the other three stayed home and felt resentful about it.

And one last highlight: Making you think that you and your friends could be this funny

Friends was a hangout show, and it derived many of its highlights from the gang gathered together, having fun.



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From left, Will Chase, Charles Esten and Chris Carmack performing on the special Nashville: On the Record. MARK LEVINE/ABC

Will Nashville get the (cowboy) boot?

On the bubble. It's been a nail-biting week for television shows whose fate could go either way

Stars of Nashville including Charles Esten, Clare Bowen and Jonathan Jackson performed songs from the ABC drama at a New York theatre this week — and they hope rabid fans weren't the only ones watching.

Now is a nerve-jangling time for actors and creators of television shows, one week before the biggest broadcast networks reveal their plans for next season. The wait is particularly intense for series like Nashville that are considered on the bubble between returning and having the plug pulled.

The decisions get more complicated every year. Broadcast executives have more

than just ratings to consider, and Nashville offers a good example. A thumbs-down from ABC not only ends a televised soap opera, but also a growing music franchise.

Under the old rules, Nashville would probably be toast by now. It was on the bubble last year, too, and in its second season averaged 4.5 million viewers, the Nielsen company said. That's down nine per cent from the show's rookie season, 18 per cent among the youthful demographic ABC cares most about. In an industry obsessed by youth, the median age of the Nashville audience increased by two years.

Fortunately, "next-day ratings don't really mean as much as they used to," said Brad Adgate, a television analyst for Horizon Media.

Networks also look at how many people stream the show online, or record it to watch later on DVRs. This delayed viewing isn't as valuable to a

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network as people who watch live, but it counts for something, and Nashville adds to its audience more this way than most ABC shows, said Kevin Beggs, chairman of Lionsgate Television Group, the show's producer.

ABC's parent Walt Disney Co. shares in ancillary revenue from CDs of music featured on Nashville (the fourth collection was released Tuesday) and the concert tour. More than 600,000 soundtrack CDs have been sold, according to Big Machine Label Group.

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Martin Doherty, Lauren Mayberry and Iain Cook of Chvrches.
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Chvrches have paid their dues

Hit-makers. New to the fame game, synth-pop Scottish band remains down-to-earth



RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Though Chvrches' first single, *Lies*, appeared to drop from nowhere to a flurry of click-happy fans on YouTube, the members have all done their time with other outfits.

"Some people might perceive us as a band that has broken in a year and has gone from nothing to sizeable venues everywhere, but that's not the truth behind the personalities in the band," says keyboardist Martin Doherty. "You can't get to this point in your career without understanding what it means to go through seven levels of s—."

The band also includes guitarist Iain Cook and sing-

er Lauren Mayberry, whose otherworldly siren-like vocals coupled with the band's perky 1980s synth has taken their debut album *The Bones of What You Believe* from must-have desktop download to venue floor-filler.

In conversation, as onstage, the members of this Scottish band have a palpable rapport. But unlike the images they might project onstage, they insist that they are defiantly not cool.

Mayberry shares an anecdote: "A friend said to me recently, 'Technically you have all the hallmarks of what could be a hipster but I know what you're really like and I can't think of anyone less hipster-ish.'"

"I'm a card-carrying nerd," boasts Cook.

Doherty seeks to differentiate himself. "I have a high level of technical understanding."

And with this, Mayberry leans into him. "That's exactly what a nerd would say. It's interesting to know and learn things."

Game of Thrones actress

Lena Headey to star in Jacqueline Ess adaptation

An adaptation of Clive Barker's horror novel *Jacqueline Ess* will see Game of Thrones and 300 actress Lena Headey in its leading role.

Headey is to both star as Ess and co-produce the film, which is being

directed by Toronto resident Jovanka Vuckovic, best known for helming four-time Best Short Film Award winner *The Captured Bird*, produced by Pacific Rim and Pan's Labyrinth man Guillermo del Toro.

Vuckovic's credentials are underlined by her status as co-writer of *Zombies! An Illustrated History of the Undead* in collaboration with Dawn of the Dead director George A. Romero.

Several previous films have been based on stories contained within Clive Barker's *Books of Blood* anthologies, the most famous being 1992's *Candyman*.

Jacqueline Ess: Her Will And Testament, contained within Volume Two, concerns a woman who, after attempting to take her own life, discovers a shapeshifting ability — but one that allows her to manipulate other people's form rather than her own. **AFP**



British actress and Game of Thrones star Lena Headey
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'People are going to get sick of me,' says J-Law

Jennifer Lawrence tries to ignore most of the stuff written about her, but she's not completely immune. "The first thing I'm doing after I leave this interview is Googling 'Jennifer Lawrence backlash,'" she tells Marie Claire. "Nobody can stay beloved forever. I never believed it, the whole time. I was like, 'Just wait. People are going to get sick of me.' My picture is everywhere, my interviews are everywhere. It's something I always tell myself: 'You need to calm the f— down. You don't want to constantly be a GIF.'"

The Word

Meeting Justin Bieber was superb, Seth Rogen says

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

It's on: Seth Rogen has become one of the first celebrities to call Justin Bieber out on his crap.

The comedian says his Bieber-related distaste goes back to the early days of Bieber fever. Bieber and Rogen were both backstage at a German talk show when word came that the singer had requested to meet the comedian. "I was like, 'Sure, I'll meet him,'" Rogen told Howard Stern.

"So I went outside to meet him and he was acting like I asked to meet HIM! It was very nonchalant, 'Yo man. What's up?' and I was like, 'What the f—, I don't give a f— about (you), I don't want to meet you. Don't act all nonplussed to meet me. I didn't want to meet you. I was totally cool not meeting you ... But I was like, fine, I wouldn't have said anything, I was like, 'He's a bit of a motherf—er.'"

Yesterday, Bieber responded via Twitter, casting the incident in a somewhat different light: "Seth Rogen (sic) sorry I didnt (sic) bow down when I asked 2 meet u was probably a bit shy and didn't want to be over the top but still. love ur movies."

Aww. I might be inclined to believe that he was just shy, if I hadn't heard literally



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dozens of stories of him acting like a rude little punk.



Willow Smith and Moises Arias INSTAGRAM

Cool mom Jada OK with Willow's bedroom photo

Willow Smith's mom Jada Pinkett-Smith has strong feelings about photos of her 13-year-old daughter in bed with an adult man: She's strongly cool with it. Pictures surfaced earlier this week of Willow Smith in bed with her friend, 20-year-old Moises Arias. It's not as bad as it sounds at first blush: Willow's fully clothed (though Arias is shirtless) and they don't appear to be touching. But we're still talking a kid in bed with a grown man, which was enough to make the Inter-

net uncomfortable.

Willow's mom Jada, though, says the pic is fine. "Here's the deal: There was nothing sexual about that picture or that situation," the actress told TMZ. "You guys are projecting your trash onto it, and you're acting like covert pedophiles, and that's not cool."

Indeed, a look at Arias' website reveals that this pic is nothing special: He's got tons of shots of his friends, and pretty much never wears a shirt.

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Gearing up for summer



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There's never a dull moment when you have dinner with an Aussie winemaker. When Neil McGuigan is at your table you can multiply the fun by at least 1,000. I met up with him earlier this week in Halifax at the Agricola Street Brasserie — the city's hottest new resto. The first time we shared a glass, it was on his home turf in New South Wales's beautiful Hunter Valley.

McGuigan's got a lot to be happy about. He makes the best-selling red in Australia and has been named Winemaker of the Year by the U.K.'s prestigious International Wine & Spirit Competition three times.

Here in Canada he's best known for championing the versatility of the white semillon grape and creating bright, easy-drinking wines that pour well above their price point.

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This Mother's Day, treat her to a sophisticated brunch. Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a recipe from her cookbook *The Free Range Cook* that is sure to wow the woman whose cooking you grew up on.



Only the best for Mom: Twice Baked Whitebait Souffles



THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
gustotv.com

1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Generously butter six 1 cup ramekins and put in fridge to chill.

2. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter until sizzling but not browned. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes until the mixture forms a smooth paste. Whisk in the milk, nutmeg, salt and pepper and lemon zest and bring back to a boil, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens.

3. Add lemon juice and whisk until smooth. Remove from heat and beat in egg yolks one at a time. Taste for seasoning — it should taste highly seasoned. Fold through whitebait or smoked salmon and herbs.

4. Place egg whites in a clean, dry bowl and beat until they form soft peaks. Add one quarter of the egg whites to the whitebait mixture and stir until well mixed. Then fold the remaining egg whites gently through the mixture.

5. Fill the buttered ramekins to the top, then run your thumb around the inside edge of the dishes so the soufflés puff evenly. Set the ramekins in a deep roasting dish and pour boiling water around them until it comes about halfway up the sides of the dishes. This water bath will help the soufflés cook

evenly. Bake until they are lightly puffed, browned and just set in the centre — about 15-20 minutes. (The soufflés can be cooked right through at this point if you prefer. Cook for about 20-25 minutes total.)

6. Remove soufflés from oven and the water bath and leave to cool. They can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 days. When you are ready to serve them, preheat oven to 220 C. Pour 1 tbsp of cream over each soufflé. Place on a tray and cook until they are risen, crusty and golden — about 12 minutes from refrigerated. **WATCH THE ANNABEL LANGBEIN FREE RANGE COOK MONDAY TO THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M. EST, STARTING APRIL 28 ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 50 g butter, plus extra to butter ramekins or cups
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- 1 3/4 cups milk
- pinch of ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp salt
- generous shake of white pepper
- finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 5 egg yolks
- 1 cup whitebait or 1 cup finely chopped smoked salmon
- 2 tbsp finely chopped soft herbs such as basil
- 5 egg whites
- To finish**
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This recipe serves six. ANNABEL LANGBEIN



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X-Fest

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Vine Styles is now open

The newest addition to the Kensington neighbourhood is Vine Styles wine boutique, where it's all about selling wine by style, instead of region. You'll love the creative layout of the shop and the handy tasting notes that accompany all the bottles on the shelf. These guys also carry a fun selection of craft beers and spirits if you're looking to stock the beer fridge or liquor cabinet. There's always something to sample at the tasting bar, so stop in to say hello and see what's open. vinestyles.ca



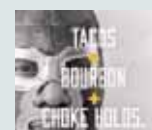
Thanks, Mom!

Pssst, this is a friendly reminder that Sunday is Mother's Day. Don't be caught empty-handed or unprepared. Moms love nothing more than receiving nice cards, a bouquet of flowers and, of course, brunch. If you're not much of a cook, don't fret! There are plenty of great restaurants that take reservations. There's Notable in Montgomery, The Lake House on Lake Bonavista, and River Café in Prince's Island Park. If you cover all these bases, there's a good chance that you'll be the favourite kid this year. notabletherestaurant.ca, lakehousecalgary.com or river-cafe.com



Is there a B-15?

Until May 17, you can catch one super-ridiculous theatre production called Bingo Ladies. Just thinking about the oddball people you encounter at some of these halls should be enough to make you want to go. Audiences will have the bizarre privilege of exploring the world of ink dabbers, lucky troll dolls and some pretty crazy superstitions that go hand-in-hand with the game of bingo. Show times run every day with the exception of Sunday. 403-265-4292. lunchbox-theatre.com



Native Tongues at Commonwealth Bar

Holy guacamole! Here's some exciting news: Native Tongues Taqueria is moving into Commonwealth Bar, and to celebrate there will be a weird and wild grand opening party that involves tacos, hip hop and live Mexican wrestling. The last luchadore event that was held at the Royal Canadian Legion sold out weeks in advance, so don't wait to buy your tickets. You can find tickets at: nativetongues.zoobis.com or at Vine Arts Wine and Spirits. Follow @NativeTongueYYC to get the latest details about this loco event.



Off to the races

Get ready to be regal this summer with fabulous hats and carefully crafted cocktails at a Kentucky Derby-style event that will bring elegance back to thoroughbred horse racing in Southern Alberta. Already anticipated as a must-attend social event, this will be a fun mix of people who are looking to celebrate old world leisure with a day at the races. The Packwood Grand takes place at Millerville Racetrack July 1 and guests will have the option to be shuttled from downtown. Tickets are \$100 and available at packwood-grand.com

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The Bruins celebrate Matt Fraser's overtime goal on Thursday night in Montreal. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bruins take bite out of Habs at home

NHL playoffs. Boston rookie Matt Fraser slots OT winner in Montreal to even their series at 2-2

Rookie Matt Fraser scored 1:19 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 1-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens and even their Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series on Thursday night.

Fraser, called up Wednesday from AHL Providence and playing his first career NHL playoff game, jumped into a scramble in front of goalie Carey Price's

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net and slid the puck under him into the net.

Johnny Boychuk's point shot had taken a high hop off the end boards and Price and defenceman Mike Weaver had trouble controlling the bouncing puck.

The victory evened the

best-of-seven series at 2-2 with Game 5 set for Saturday night in Boston.

The Bruins outshot Montreal 34-33 in an intense, sometimes nervously played game that was less a goaltending duel between Price and Tuukka Rask as a match of determined, defensive teams.

The teams played their first scoreless period in regulation time of the series in a tight-checking first marked mainly by icings and missed passes.

Boston's Carl Soderberg had the best chance in the final minute after P.K. Subban's blind back pass was intercepted, but Price looked to get

a piece of it as it went off the cross bar.

Another goal-less period followed as shooters misfired, particularly Max Pacioretty on a setup from Thomas Vanek, and both goalies held their ground. Each team went on the power play once, but even that failed to break the deadlock.

The Canadiens went on attack in the third, peppering the Boston net and outshooting the Bruins 14-7. But the Bruins got a power play and Reilly Smith hit a goalpost, only to see Brian Gionta stoned by Rask alone in front of the net at the other end a moment later.

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NBA playoffs

Heat roll to 2-0 lead on Nets

LeBron James scored 22 points, Chris Bosh added 18 and the Miami Heat took a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series by beating the Brooklyn Nets 94-82 on Thursday night.

Dwyane Wade had 14 and Ray Allen scored 13 for the Heat, who tied a franchise record with their eighth straight playoff victory.

Mirza Teletovic set a Nets playoff record with six 3-pointers on his way to a 20-point night off the bench. Shaun Livingston scored 15, Paul Pierce had 13 and Joe Johnson added 13 more for the Nets.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Brooklyn.

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NFL draft

Texans crown Clowney 2014's No. 1 draft pick

No surprise: Clowney is the Texans' man.

After two extra weeks of intrigue, Houston opened the NFL draft Thursday night by taking South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney. Rarely does a team not reveal the top overall choice until it is announced, and there was wide speculation the Texans had soured on Clowney, whose work ethic has been questioned.

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Top prospect for CFL draft tests positive for banned substance

Quinn Smith. Concordia defensive lineman tested positive for same anabolic steroid as sprinter Ben Johnson

Concordia defensive lineman Quinn Smith, a top prospect for next week's CFL draft, admitted Thursday he tested positive for a banned substance.

Smith, who raised eyebrows at the CFL combine in March with his ability on both sides of the ball, confirmed in a statement he tested positive for the anabolic steroid Stanozolol prior to auditioning for league officials. It's the same substance Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for at the '88 Seoul Summer Games, which resulted

Impressive numbers, but...

On the first day of testing, Smith benched 225 pounds 28 times, had a 27.5-inch vertical jump and eight feet three inches in the broad jump. The next day, prior to the 1-on-1 drills, Smith posted a 40-yard dash time of 4.808 seconds, 7.56 seconds in the three-cone drill and 4.62 seconds in the shuttle.

in him being stripped of the 100-metre gold medal and suspended.

"I can assure you it was not my intention to use a banned substance or to try to beat the system," Smith said in the release.

"I did not properly research the contents of supplements I obtained online and I will ac-

cept the consequences of my actions."

Smith added he has asked that his B sample be tested and is awaiting those results.

Prior to releasing his statement, Smith sent emails to all nine CFL teams informing them of the positive test and formally apologizing.

The six-foot-two, 305-pound Smith, a Toronto native, was ranked fourth among the CFL scouting bureau's final top-15 prospects for Tuesday night's draft, heady stuff considering Smith wasn't rated on either the fall or winter lists.

A big reason for Smith's meteoric rise was his performance at the combine, where he impressed as both an offensive and defensive lineman. That versatility had Smith being mentioned as a bona fide first-round prospect in the '14 draft.

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Kaymer hitting the pin

Martin Kaymer of Germany lines up a putt with caddie Craig Connelly on the second hole at the Players Championship on Thursday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Kaymer finished atop the leaderboard after Round 1 at 9 under par. Scan the above image with your Metro News app to view a gallery of opening-round action. RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY IMAGES

NBA scandal

Mrs. Sterling will fight for her half of Clippers: Lawyer

An attorney representing the estranged wife of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling says she will fight to retain her 50 per cent ownership stake in the team.

Attorney Pierce O'Donnell also told The Associated Press that Shelly Sterling has been separated from her husband for the last year and is considering divorce.

Last week, NBA commissioner Adam Silver banned Donald Sterling from the NBA for life and urged league owners to force him to sell the team. The move came after a recording surfaced in which Sterling made racist comments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Donald Sterling and his estranged wife Shelly
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may think you know what motivates someone but the planets warn you have it wrong, and that could be dangerous. In your personal life and at work you are advised not to jump to conclusions today — or any day.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may believe that if you don't act soon your big chance will pass but it isn't true. The sense of urgency you feel is an illusion and what happens over the next three days will prove it.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You know there is a flaw in your plans but you are tempted to ignore it. If you push ahead regardless, you are sure to regret it. Work out where it is you have gone wrong first.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What you hear today may annoy you but is it worth getting worked up about? If you allow yourself to get angry over what others say, they will have succeeded in their aim.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Make sure you do not commit yourself to anything you cannot back out of later. Most times your instincts can be trusted but this may be the one time when they let you down.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't change anything for the sake of it today because you will only have to change it back again later. It might be better to stick with what you know about, even if it is not what you want. Wait and see what the weekend brings.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You should expect some deception over the next 24 hours, even from people you think you can trust. Don't hold grudges against people who let you down. It happens.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It does not matter how convinced you may be that you are in the right and others are in the wrong. You won't get far if you insist they come round to your way of thinking. Look for a compromise solution.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You will be caught off by something you did not expect today. You have taken certain things for granted when you had no reason to do so. Admit you made a mistake and do what you can to put it right.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Do what you can to bring people together today but if it proves too tough a task just back off and let them fight it out. Do not get involved on a personal level yourself. If you choose sides you'll be the loser.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Make sure you have all the facts because it is the only way you can be certain you are not being deceived. The planets warn that unscrupulous people won't hesitate to cheat you.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Current cosmic activity endows you with self-confidence but the downside is you might start thinking you cannot fail. Apply common sense to everything you do today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

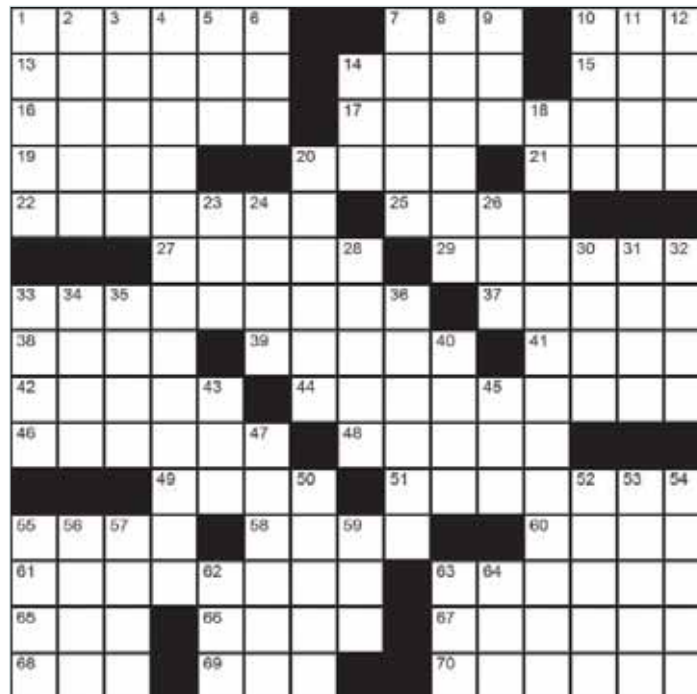
1. 1982 Clash hit: "Rock the ___"
7. Weight's stat. pal
10. Inclined
13. Bind
14. Actress Rooney
15. Mai ___ (Cocktail)
16. ___ card
17. Lynn ___
18. "Chopped Canada" celebrity chef
19. Ms. Spelling
20. See #8-Down
21. Church part
22. '60s bossa nova hit: "The Girl from ___"
25. Barber's target
27. CBC chef, Stefano ___
29. Shania Twain's "From This ___ On"
33. ___ (Toronto-born actor who plays Dr. Tom Reycraft on CTV's "Saving Hope")
37. More dry
38. Winged
39. "I'm going ___" ...stated the afternoon social attendee
41. Respiratory rattle
42. Inclines
44. Ontario village; or, city in England
46. Computer keyboard users
48. Formula
49. Botanist Mr. Gray's
51. Monarch's trappings
55. "Highway to Hell"

Down

58. Competes
60. Divide
61. Canadian actress Rachel Blanchard played Cher Horowitz on the TV version of what 1995 movie?
63. Bring along: 2 wds.
65. "El ___" (1961)

66. Yeses: French
67. "Undone - The Sweater Song" band
68. Fasten
69. Windows-using PCs pre-Vistas
70. Gawking, say
Down
1. Mojave plants
2. ___ in the bucket
3. "___": Princess of

- Power" ('80s cartoon series)
4. May 1969: John Lennon and Yoko Ono's happening at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel: 3 wds.
5. Jackie's '68 groom
6. ___ up (Riled)
7. Abrasive

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

18. Straight-from-the-source fresh produce outlet: 2 wds.
20. Canada, for one
23. 'Ether' suffix (Airy/delicate)
24. Jazz musician Mr. Jackson
26. Apple devices platform
28. Poker stakes
30. 'E' in QED
31. Ms. Carter
32. Birch ___
33. Go ___ (Fun vehicle)
34. Ceramics material
35. Use a tent
36. Seamstresses
40. Cottage owner's plot
43. 2014 HS grads
45. Summer mo.
47. Routinely set money aside: 2 wds.
50. Yes yeses ...in Spanish: 2 wds.
52. Broadcaster Ms. Gibbons
53. Lay to rest
54. Love
55. Invoice abbr.
56. Gladiator's 152
57. Guy
59. 'Lion' suffix
62. Deli serving
63. Ex-airline
64. Old Rome bronze money

Yesterday's Crossword

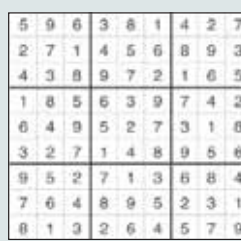


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Yesterday's Sudoku



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MIN: -1°ANDREW SCHULTZ
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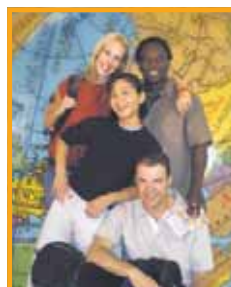
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